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A Final Farewell for Rehnquist

IN TRIBUTE: Pallbearers carry the casket of Supreme Court Chief Justice William Rehnquist from the U.S. Supreme Court on Wednesday. At a private funeral, President Bush hailed Rehnquist as a steady steward of the court, on which he spent 33 years. ✣ **Respects:** Remembering Rehnquist | Page 6

Holdouts Coaxed To Leave

Filthy water poses increasing disease risk in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS | Using the unmistakable threat of force, police and soldiers went house to house Wednesday to try to coax the last 10,000 or so stubborn holdouts to leave storm-shattered New Orleans because of the risk of disease from the putrid, sewage-laden floodwaters.

Mayor C. Ray Nagin ordered law officers and the military late Tuesday to evacuate all holdouts — by force if necessary. He warned that the combination of fetid water, fires and natural gas leaks after Hurricane Katrina made it too dangerous to stay.

In fact, the first government tests confirmed Wednesday that the amount of sewage-related bacteria in the floodwaters is at least 10 times higher than acceptable safety levels. And health officials said at least four people may have died of a waterborne bacterial infection circulating in Katrina's floodwaters.

Dr. Julie Gerberding, chief of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, warned stragglers not to even touch the water and pleaded: "If you haven't left the city yet, you must do so." SHARON COHEN (AP)

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RECRUITING | **Not Fit to Print** A Porirua, New Zealand, police recruit in training was arrested last week after taking part in a standard fingerprinting exercise at the police academy — which revealed he had an outstanding warrant for serious assault, the

Dominion Post reported. Academy official Alistair Beckett said the incident has prompted changes in recruit screening: Starting with this fall's incoming trainees, all applicants will have to undergo fingerprinting before admission. (EXPRESS) **EyeOpeners** | Page 2

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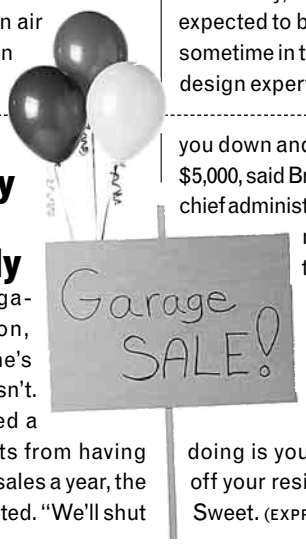
PREVENTION

Weather Channel Made Obsolete

When hanging out laundry to dry, there's now a more reliable way to prevent it from being soaked in a storm. Weather-predicting clothespins sense changes in air pressure and, if rain is projected within a half-hour, lock up to prevent them from being used to fasten hanging laundry, the Press Assocation reported. And, of course, if the clothespins are already in use, they don't lock, so the clothes can still be removed before the rain falls. The clothespins, invented by Oliver MacCarthy, of Great Barr, England, are expected to be available to the public sometime in the near future, technical design experts said. (EXPRESS)



LIMITS

Look, Nobody Wants Your Junk, Already

For garage-sale organizers in Leamington, Ontario, the third time's a charm. The fourth isn't. Officials have passed a law banning residents from having more than three yard sales a year, the Canadian Press reported. "We'll shut you down and we'll charge you" up to $5,000, said Brian Sweet, Leamington's chief administrative officer. Local businesses had complained that the proliferation of garage sales was hurting their profits. "If you start having more than three garage sales in a year, what you're really doing is you're running a business off your residential premises," said Sweet. (EXPRESS)

ELIZABETH DALZIEL/AP

PROMOTIONS

Model Airplane

If there's one thing that muscular, iconic athletic poses make people think of, it's sitting stationary for hours in a cramped airline seat. Sarcasm aside, Air China promoted the unveiling of its "Olympic" airliner Wednesday with men, painted white, in various sporting stances around the plane in a hanger at the Beijing International Airport. Air China became the official airline of the Beijing Olympics (to be held in the summer of 2008) in early August. The company has been building and buying more planes in anticipation of increased traffic. (EXPRESS)

PLANTS

A Prison-Yard Variety

Big winners in the gardening competitions last weekend at the Champlain Valley Fair in Essex Junction, Vt., were the vegetables and flowers grown by inmates from the state's top-security prison. The plants grown at the Northwest State Correctional Facility won top honors, as well as second and third place; only one of the prison's plants failed to win something. "We rocked," Andrew Wood, in prison for second degree murder, said, adding, "The quality of the produce that comes out of the garden is 10 times what you get out of the supermarket." (AP)

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195 | **The total number of specialists** Mexico is sending to help on the Gulf Coast. The convoy of military engineers, doctors and nurses marks the first time since 1846 that a Mexican military unit has operated on U.S. soil.

Katrina Sparks National Migration

Hurricane survivors search near and far for places to settle

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. | The Albuquerque Convention Center has hosted the National Congress of Computational Mechanics, the New Mexico Dental Association — and now, Bernell Haney.

Haney used to live in New Orleans. For now, he's among about 50 evacuees housed amid the center's 600,000 square feet of meeting rooms and exhibition halls, a shelter that had been readied for as many as 1,000 evacuees.

Around the country — in a former aircraft hangar, military bases, church basements, abandoned buildings, state campgrounds — government and private groups are finding all kinds of places to house the displaced.

"I'm still up in the air thinking I want this to be my home, but my heart is still in New Orleans," said Haney.

Roughly 30 states have volunteered to accept Katrina's evacuees, though it is not clear they'll all be needed — the displaced are showing a preference for staying close to home.

TROUBLE CONNECTING

➜ Because many of Katrina's evacuees want to stay closer to home, operations in states farther away from the Gulf Coast that offered to shelter the displaced are scaling back or shutting down their operations.

Private homeowners, small towns, nonprofits, churches, hotels and school districts are also stepping in to help people who, overnight, became homeless.

"There's a big effort to not place people in big auditoriums with nothing but a cot," said Ken Morckel, director of Ohio's Department of Public Safety.

Longer-term housing solutions are being set up in public housing complexes, military bases and even dormitories for horse trainers.

NOREEN GILLESPIE (AP)

Storm's Economic Blow Could Cost 400K Jobs

While recession isn't likely, report points to fragile energy supply

WASHINGTON | Hurricane Katrina is expected to cut employment by 400,000 jobs, slash economic growth by as much as a full percentage point this year and result in a spike in gasoline prices of possibly 40 percent this month.

Those were the forecasts from the Congressional Budget Office in a report Wednesday providing the government's first assessment of the economic impact from the country's worst natural disaster. The CBO said Katrina will have a greater impact than previous storms but shouldn't be serious enough to push the country into a recession.

However, the CBO cautioned that the "significant but not overwhelming" blow the economy will suffer would be decidedly more serious if energy supply disruptions along the Gulf Coast last longer than expected.

"Last week, it appeared that larger economic disruptions might occur, but despite continued uncertainty, progress in opening refineries and restarting pipelines now makes those larger impacts less likely," CBO Director Douglas Holtz-Eakin wrote in a letter to Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist and other congressional leaders.

MARTIN CRUTSINGER (AP)

NEW ORLEANS | PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE

STEVEN SENNE/AP

BIOHAZARD DUTY: An unidentified officer stands at his post at an evacuation point in New Orleans on Wednesday. Many people are concerned about the growing health threat posed by bacteria-infested floodwaters that still cover much of the city in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina.

Recovering From The Hurricane

➜ **ROADS:** Transportation Secretary Norman Y. Mineta said the price tag for road repairs is likely to be $1.3 billion for Louisiana and $1.1 billion for Mississippi. Louisiana will let bidding start on Friday to rebuild one of the most damaged roadways in the region, the twin spans of Interstate 10 over Lake Pontchartrain.

Mineta

➜ **MAIL:** The U.S. Postal Service has delivered some 15,000 Social Security checks at collection points in the area affected by the hurricane, officials said Wednesday. But the agency is still trying to locate 2,000 of its workers. In the affected region, 188 post offices have returned to full service, 189 are providing limited service and 120 are still closed or "have ceased to exist," said Thomas G. Day, the U.S. Postal Service's senior vice president.

➜ **INSURANCE:** A draft order released by Louisiana's insurance commissioner Wednesday would significantly restrict the ability of property and health insurance companies to cancel the policies of Hurricane Katrina victims in that state. That order, which is not expected to be finalized until late next week so as to allow insurers time to respond, says policy provisions that require premium payments will be suspended retroactive to Aug. 26, when Louisiana declared a state of emergency. (AP)

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9,000 **The number of evacuees** that arrived unexpectedly at an Arkansas National Guard post Sunday morning, catching state officials off guard.

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Republican senators, from left, Judd Gregg, Thad Cochran and Trent Lott discuss Hurricane Katrina relief efforts during a meeting on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

President Seeks $51.8B For Hurricane Recovery

Hill Democrats rap Bush on relief effort, impact of his vacation

WASHINGTON | With much of New Orleans still under water, the White House announced that President Bush is asking lawmakers to approve another $51.8 billion to cover the costs of federal recovery efforts. Congressional officials said they expected to approve the next installment as early as Thursday, to keep the money flowing without interruption.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said the new request, which is in addition to $10.5 billion already approved and was being sent to Capitol Hill later Wednesday, would not be the last.

Congress' top two Democrats furiously criticized Bush's response to Hurricane Katrina on Wednesday, with Sen. Harry Reid demanding to know whether the president's August vacation impeded relief efforts and Rep. Nancy Pelosi assailing the chief executive as "oblivious, in denial."

GOP congressional leaders met privately to plan their next step, possibly including an unusual joint House-Senate committee to investigate what went wrong in the government's response and what can be fixed. JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

FEMA's Director Battered

Democrats on Capitol Hill, Gulf Coast urge president to fire 'idiot'

WASHINGTON | He's been called an idiot, an incompetent and worse. The vilification of federal disaster chief Michael Brown, the former head of the International Arabian Horse Association, is emerging as chief scapegoat for whatever went wrong in the government's response to Hurricane Katrina, has ratcheted into the stratosphere. Democratic members of Congress are taking numbers to call for his head.

A more visceral indictment came from closer to the calamity. Aaron Broussard, president of Jefferson Parish near New Orleans, said the bureaucracy "has murdered people in the greater New Orleans area."

"Take whatever idiot they have at the top of whatever agency and give me a better idiot," he told CBS. "Just don't give me the same idiot."

Republican Sen. Trent Lott of Mississippi allowed that "mistakes are being made" but has tried to counsel restraint as calls for Brown's removal escalated. NANCY BENAC (AP)

New Storm Could Hit Fla., Ga. Coast

MIAMI | Tropical Storm Ophelia strengthened Wednesday off Florida's Atlantic coast, following an erratic path that threatened parts of the state and southern Georgia with strong wind and rain.

Less than two weeks after then-Category 1 Hurricane Katrina hit South Florida, tropical storm warnings were posted along a 100-mile stretch of the state's central-Atlantic coast. (AP)

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• Family Matters
Owing to stealthy acts of hospitality, hundreds of thousands of people displaced by Hurricane Katrina are disappearing — into the embrace of their extended families. | **Today, Page A1**

• Back From the Storm
A bus caravan limped into the District from New Orleans Wednesday: carrying local rescue workers returning with memories of heartbreak but only a single evacuee. | **Today in Metro**

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Nation

SNACK ATTACK: Candy, soda, pizza and other snacks compete with nutritious meals in nine out of 10 schools, a government survey found. Junk food has also become more available in middle schools over the past five years, the poll found.

Fond Tributes at Rehnquist Funeral

Bush hails chief justice as steady court guide in lighthearted service

WASHINGTON | Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist was buried Wednesday as President Bush led the nation in bidding farewell to the man who orchestrated a dramatic states rights power shift in a third of a century on the Supreme Court and settled the acrimonious 2000 election in Bush's favor.

With more laughs than tears, family and friends spoke poignantly of Rehnquist's final days — when he cracked jokes in the face of death — and proudly of the imprint of his 33 years on the high court.

"We remember the integrity and the sense of duty that he brought to every task before him," Bush told the funeral audience during a two-hour service at historic St. Matthew's Cathedral. Rehnquist was a steady, guiding presence on the court, Bush said of the chief justice who died last Saturday at 80.

The service drew Washington's power elite, including the eight Supreme Court justices and John Roberts, whom Bush has named to succeed him.

Rehnquist, a veteran of the Army Air Forces in World War II, was buried in a private ceremony in Arlington National Cemetery.

The service, scripted in part by the chief justice before his death, had a light touch. A granddaughter talked about learning poker tips from him. A son said his dad "could forgive almost anything in a person except being humorless."

GINA HOLLAND (AP)

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BIDDING FAREWELL: Pallbearers carry Chief Justice William Rehnquist's flag-draped casket from St. Matthew's Cathedral after funeral services on Wednesday.

Winning Design For Memorial to Flight 93 Chosen

WASHINGTON | A design consisting of a chapel with 40 metallic wind chimes was chosen as a permanent memorial to the victims of Flight 93, which was hijacked on Sept. 11, 2001, and crashed in a Pennsylvania field, officials said Wednesday.

The "Crescent of Embrace" memorial, created by a team of designers led by Paul Murdoch Architects, was selected from five finalists and approved at a meeting of the Flight 93 Advisory Commission.

The design consists of a chapel with 40 chimes, one for each of the passengers and crew who died on Flight 93. Pedestrian trails and a roadway run through a park leading to a visitor center and the actual crash site. (AP)

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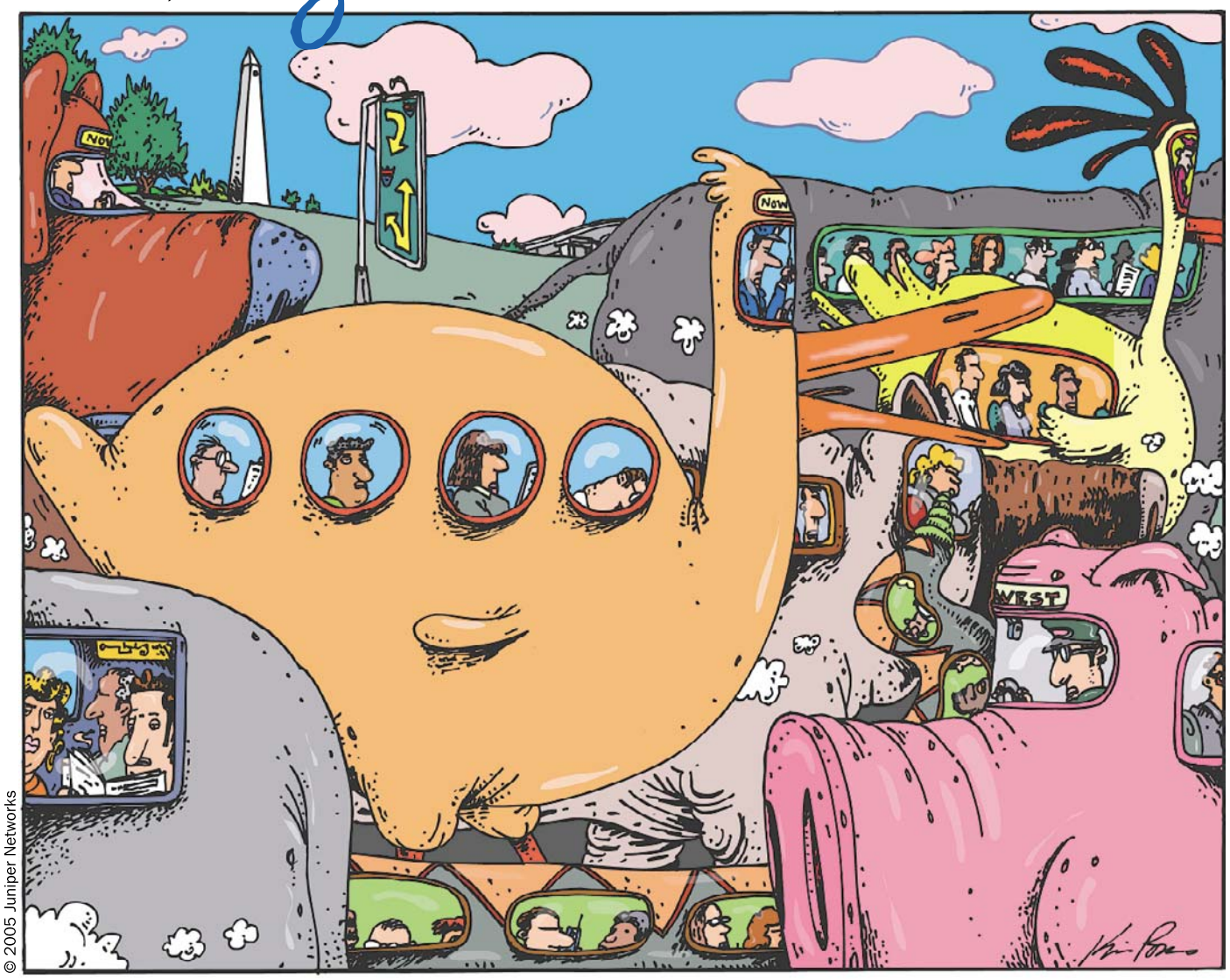

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LONDON CALLING: Monica Lewinsky has been accepted for a one-year master's degree course in London, the London School of Economic and Political Science confirmed Wednesday. Lewinsky will be working on a degree in social psychology.

World

PHILIPPINES | ARROYO PROTESTS CONTINUE

BULLIT MARQUEZ/AP

HITTING THE STREETS: A police officer, left, watches as protesters join in a rally on Wednesday in Manila to demand the ouster of Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo. Multiple opposition groups staged the protests a day after Arroyo's allies in Congress threw out an attempt to impeach her.

U.N. Oil Program Rebuked

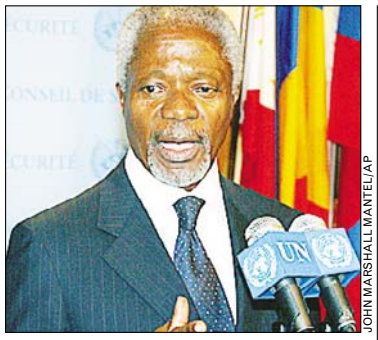
Annan calls probe's findings 'embarrassing' but says he won't quit

UNITED NATIONS | A yearlong investigation of the U.N. oil-for-food program issued a strong indictment of the United Nations and its top leadership Wednesday, concluding they tolerated corruption and allowed Saddam Hussein's government to pocket $10.2 billion.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan called the findings "deeply embarrassing to all of us" and said he accepted the criticism leveled at him personally. But he said he had no intention of resigning.

Presenting the report at a meeting of the U.N. Security Council, former U.S. Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker, who chaired the committee, said: "Our assignment has been to look for mis- or maladministration in the oil-for-food program and for evidence of corruption within the U.N. organization and by contractors. Unhappily we found both."

The Security Council came in for stinging criticism because its main oil-for-food committee often ignored evidence of corruption, while some council members condoned oil smuggling to Iraq's neighbors. EDITH M. LEDERER (AP)



JOHN MARSHALL MANTEL/AP

Secretary General Kofi Annan talks to the media after the release of the report.

HOSTAGE FREED IN IRAQ
Among new developments from Iraq on Wednesday:

- **THE U.S. MILITARY**, acting on a tip, raided an isolated farmhouse outside the capital Wednesday and rescued an American held hostage for 10 months. The kidnappers escaped without a gunbattle. Roy Hallums, 57, was "in good condition and is receiving medical care," a military statement said after U.S. forces freed him and an unidentified Iraqi from the farmhouse 15 miles south of Baghdad. (AP)

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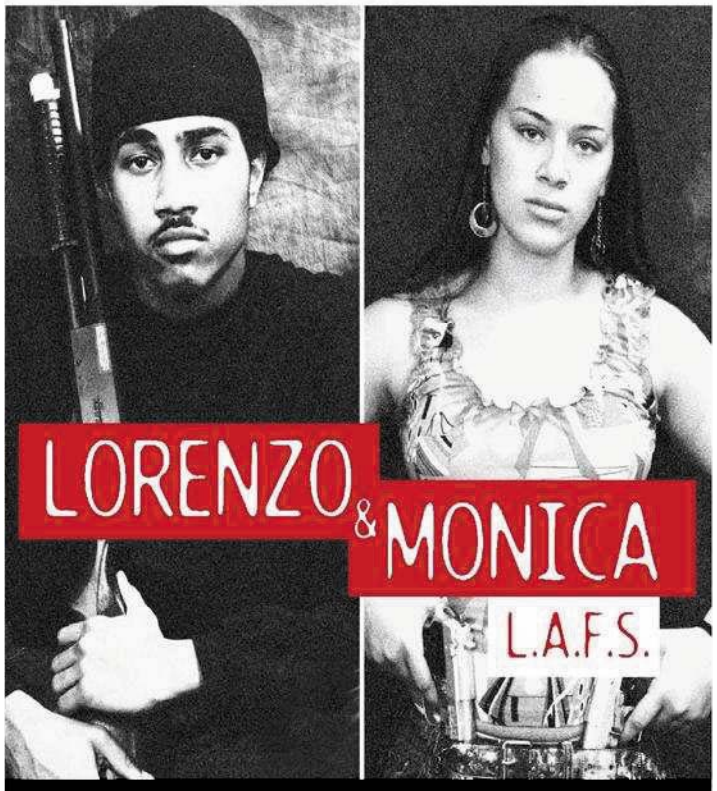

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$1B | **The approximate value** of foreign assistance offered from some 95 countries for Hurricane Katrina that the U.S. has accepted, a State Department official reports. More offers remain in limbo while needs are evaluated.

SERGEY PONOMAREV/AP

Allegations of corruption and infighting are sullying Yushchenko's public image.

In Ukraine, A Slide in Popularity

Public disappointed with Yushchenko over life after Orange revolt

KIEV, UKRAINE | Maria Onishchuk rushed to Kiev's Independence Square to stand shoulder to shoulder with tens of thousands last fall, waving orange flags and chanting "YU-SHCHEN-KO!" Nine months later, she's back.

But this time, the 60-year-old grandmother stands under the red flag of Ukraine's Socialist Party, demonstrating against Viktor Yushchenko, the man she helped usher into the presidency.

Disappointment is catching up with Yushchenko, whose people-power protests were hailed in the West as proof of democracy's unstoppable march.

Prices are rising and inflation is returning as economic growth slows. Yushchenko's chief-of-staff quit, warning darkly that a corrupt circle of advisers surrounds the president.

Analysts say Yushchenko is likely to opt for short-term appeasement. He needs to do well in March parliamentary elections because constitutional changes will hand many of his powers to lawmakers.

"Ukrainians gave Yushchenko a giant credit of faith, but now they want results," said analyst Andriy Bichenko of Ukraine's Razumkov think-tank. MARA D. BELLABY (AP)

Fraud Charges Mar Egyptian Vote

Voters cast ballots for president amid wide claims of irregularities

CAIRO, EGYPT | Egyptian voters had a choice for president for the first time Wednesday in an election the United States hopes is a key step toward democracy across the Middle East. But the ballot was marred by charges of fraud and the near-certainty that President Hosni Mubarak will win another six years in office.

Ordinary citizens, opposition party members and human rights monitors told The Associated Press that election workers inside polls in Luxor and other towns instructed voters to choose Mubarak. In Cairo and Alexandria, supporters of the ruling National Democratic Party promised food or money to poor people if they voted for the president, voters said.

The leading opposition candidate, Ayman Nour, charged the elections "are not fair at all," and vowed to reject rigged results.

But a top official in the other major opposition party, El-Sayed el-Badawy of the Wafd, said that while fraud and intimidation were apparent: "This is the first time for a president to reach out to the citizens and ask for their support. This is a positive thing." MARIAM FAM (AP)

BEN CURTIS/AP

SPEAKING OUT: Supporters of the Egyptian opposition group Kifaya, or "Enough," protest in Cairo as voters went to the polls in Wednesday's presidential election.

In Brief

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP

Gunmen Kill Former Gaza Security Chief in Bold Attack

About 100 masked militants stormed the heavily guarded home of Gaza's former security chief early Wednesday, dragged him out in his pajamas and killed him in a burst of gunfire — a brazen challenge to the Palestinian Authority days before Israel was to hand over Gaza. Moussa Arafat, a 65-year-old cousin of late Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat, was killed after a 30-minute gunbattle between the assailants and dozens of bodyguards. (AP)

ROME

Yeltsin Hospitalized After Breaking Thighbone in Fall

Former Russian President Boris Yeltsin fell and broke a thighbone Wednesday at a home where he was staying at a resort town on the Italian island of Sardinia, officials said. Emergency service workers arrived early Wednesday at a villa in exclusive Porto Rotondo, where the 74-year-old Yeltsin was staying, and took him to a local hospital, said Giuseppe Soro, director of the ambulance dispatch center in Sassari. (AP)

Yeltsin

Ailing Chirac Skips Cabinet Meeting

PARIS | President Jacques Chirac skipped a weekly Cabinet meeting Wednesday for the first time since taking office in 1995, as authorities kept France in suspense for a fifth full day about what exactly ails the hospitalized 72-year-old leader.

Officials have cryptically referred to Chirac's illness as "a small vascular accident" that affected his vision in one eye.

Officials took a reassuring tone about the president's condition. The government spokesman, Jean-Francois Cope, said Chirac was in "very good form" and would be out of the hospital by week's end. (AP)

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Money

3.8M | **The number of** trucks and SUVs Ford Motor Co. recalled Wednesday due to a faulty cruise control switch. Toyota Motor Co. also recalled 978,000 SUVs and trucks amid concerns over the power steering.

United Airlines Unveils Plan for Reorganization

CHICAGO | United Airlines' parent company filed its long-delayed reorganization plan Wednesday, declaring its intention to emerge from federal bankruptcy next February as a "much more competitive" firm than the one that entered bankruptcy protection in December 2002.

The huge filing, made in U.S. Bankruptcy Court, lays out UAL Corp.'s intentions for United and the 26 other subsidiaries involved in the restructuring as well as its proposals for repaying creditors.

Glenn Tilton, United's chairman, CEO and president, told staff in a message that the target date for exiting bankruptcy is now Feb. 1.

The airline first faces months of likely heated debate over the plan, however, from creditors and investors who want bigger payouts than the mostly stock distribution envisioned by the company.

The plan is to be financed by a $2.5 billion, all-debt loan package from Citigroup Inc., JPMorgan Chase & Co., General Electric Co. and Deutsche Bank AG. (AP)

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SymblT	10.18	+1.15	+12.7
SCPIE	16.86	+1.56	+10.2
Unova	34.00	+3.00	+9.7
Maritrn	34.64	+2.81	+8.8
BlueLinx n	14.04	+1.04	+8.0

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
SpectBrds	25.25	-3.87	-13.3
McCorm vot	29.35	-4.00	-12.0
McCorm	29.28	-3.93	-11.8
PXRE Grp	18.79	-1.73	-8.4
BostonSci	24.26	-1.95	-7.4

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
IndSvAm	7.05	+2.15	+43.9
AlnylamP	13.75	+4.19	+43.8
JewettC	13.00	+3.00	+30.0
HostAmr	3.55	+.77	+27.8
Adtran	29.54	+4.43	+17.6

Losers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Amistar	3.00	-.65	-17.8
OptCable	6.01	-1.26	-17.3
IntlDisWk n	5.60	-1.12	-16.7
GoAmr rs	3.64	-.55	-13.1
ElectEner n	4.06	-.48	-10.6

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK
Prime Rate	6.50	6.50
Fed Funds close	3.50	3.5625
3-month	3.41	3.44
2-year	3.86	3.82
10-year	4.14	4.02
30-year	4.42	4.26

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.5448	.5426	.5636
Canadian Dollar	1.1891	1.1889	1.2876
European Euro	.8054	.8013	.8266
Japanese Yen	110.06	109.53	109.39
Mexican Peso	10.7230	10.6730	11.5850
Taiwanese Dollar	32.63	32.57	33.90

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STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
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BcoSnCH	12.76	-.05	+3.2
BkofAm	43.31	-.04	-7.8
BkNova g	34.51	-.05	+1.9
Citigrp	44.46	+.16	-7.7
DeutschBk	95.13	-.14	+6.9
JPMorgCh	34.89	+.32	-10.6
MitsuTkyo	10.20	-.20	-.2
RoyalBk g	68.67	-.53	+28.5
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UBS AG	86.18	+.92	+2.8
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20,000 | **The approximate number of traffic citations** 1,400 Maryland state troopers issued to drivers over the Labor Day weekend. Labor Day weekend traffic stops were up about 80 percent over last year.

Local

In Brief

ARLINGTON, VA.

Warner Signs Bill Extending 9/11 Workers Compensation

With planes darting across blue skies on a hill overlooking the Pentagon, Virginia Gov. Mark Warner signed a bill Wednesday to extend workers' compensation coverage for first responders hurt on Sept. 11, 2001. Virginia had a five-year statute on workers' comp claims resulting from a single incident. That meant claims resulting from the terror attacks would have to be filed by Sept. 11, 2006. This legislation extends the deadline to two years after an employee first learns of a diagnosis. (AP)

WASHINGTON

More Local Help Headed To Ravaged Gulf Coast

Fourteen firefighters from the D.C. Fire and EMS Department are headed to the Gulf Coast for 30 days to assist in post-Katrina clean-up. A six-person task force from Arlington County was to leave Wednesday for New Orleans to assist the flooded city's police department with incident management. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Drivers in D.C. Pay More For Gas Than Anywhere Else

The cost of a gallon of regular unleaded gas in the District jumped three cents by Wednesday to $3.38, making the nation's capital the most expensive place to purchase gas. Gas station owners blame high real estate prices for the jump. (AP)

Cropp Makes Bid Official

Council chair dives in mayoral race with Williams undecided

WASHINGTON | Vowing to include all residents in the city's economic revitalization, D.C. Council Chair Linda Cropp began her mayoral campaign Wednesday, joining a field of three other Democrats.

She also promised better schools, safer streets and more affordable housing to supporters gathered outside the Reeves Center, where filed paperwork to officially start her campaign, one year and five days before the 2006 primary.

Cropp, 57, also said she would provide job training for the unemployed and increased business opportunities for women, minorities and small local businesses.

Current Mayor Anthony A. Williams' tenure has coincided with an era of widespread economic expansion, but there are complaints that the benefits of the boom have neglected the city's largely black underclass. Williams has declined to say whether he will seek a third term.

Two of Cropp's council colleagues — Ward 4's Adrian Fenty and Vincent Orange of Ward 5 — are already running in the Democratic mayoral primary, which is scheduled for Sept. 12, 2006.

JACOB ADELMAN (AP)

KEVIN CLARK/TWP

D.C. Council Chair Linda Cropp pumps up a crowd of supporters on U Street NW on Wednesday after she officially kicked off her 2006 mayoral campaign.

Cropp up: How has the D.C. Council chair positioned herself for the mayoral race? | **Today in Metro**

New Buses To Revive Aging Fleet

Metro initiative seeks to lower average bus age from 11 years to 6

ARLINGTON, VA. | Metro is making plans to update one of the country's oldest bus systems, with vehicles averaging 11 years old.

The transit agency is planning to buy enough new buses to reduce the average age to 6, Metro's CEO, Richard White, said Wednesday.

The full $830 million capital improvement plan for buses was to be presented to board members Thursday. It includes $600 million to buy 450 buses to replace aging vehicles and add new ones to the fleet.

By next spring Metro will also have 250 buses that run on compressed natural gas.

HEATHER GREENFIELD (AP)

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Average Joe

After a 6-10 season last year, Gibbs has to prove he can win in the modern NFL

REDSKINS | Joe Gibbs' favorite story from the offseason features, as usual, his wife Pat.

"When I first told Pat about going back into coaching, she said, 'You're going to ruin your good name.' I told her after the season, 'We're halfway there.'" Gibbs said.

It's a nice bit of humor, but it's also a thinly veiled reference to the struggles the Hall of Famer has faced since he walked through a time warp last year to return to the Washington Redskins after a 12-year retirement.

He soon discovered that his offense was a manual typewriter stuck in a computer age.

His trade for hand-picked quarterback Mark Brunell backfired. Penalties were rampant some weeks. He finished with the worst record of his career.

In a what-have-you-done-for-me-lately world, Gibbs is no longer a three-time Super Bowl champion coach — he's a 6-10 coach, one whose "halfway there" remark could be interpreted as halfway back to NASCAR.

What hope is there for a turnaround this year? For one, Gibbs has molded the roster closer to his own image.

Also, while Gibbs can be stubborn, he has too much pride to willingly suffer a repeat of last year, so he opened up the offense.

The coach introduced the shotgun. The running game was altered to suit the style of Clinton Portis, who last year felt miscast as a bruiser rather than a slasher. Receivers Laveranues Coles and Rod Gardner were traded and replaced by Santana Moss and David Patten.

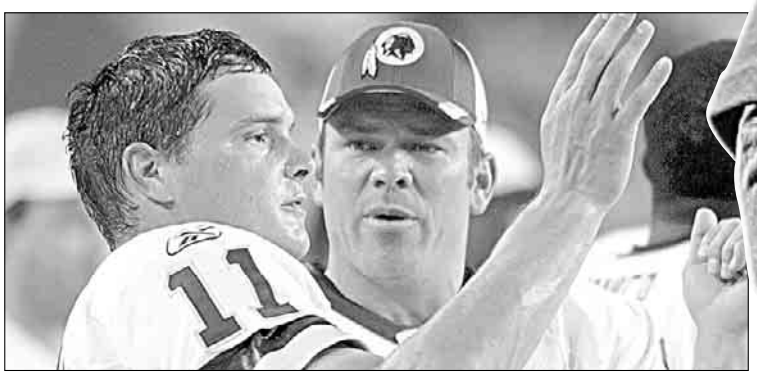
The most improvement has come from the offensive line, which was dominant against Pittsburgh's defense in a preseason game two weeks ago.

But an offense can only go as far the quarterback can take it, and that's where the Redskins face the greatest uncertainty. Patrick Ramsey is now the starter, but he wavered between ineffective and inconsistent during the preseason. The open question is how much patience Gibbs will have before turning back to Brunell.

Still, in a division dominated by the Philadelphia Eagles, the Redskins can show improvement and still be hard-pressed to avoid a sixth straight season out of the playoffs.

"No one expects us to do anything in the NFC East this year," said Patten, brought in after winning three Super Bowls in New England. "Everybody's negative, and we've kind of brought it on ourselves because we've struggled in the past. But the bottom line is it's a new year — everybody's even." JOSEPH WHITE (AP)

THREE BURNING QUESTIONS

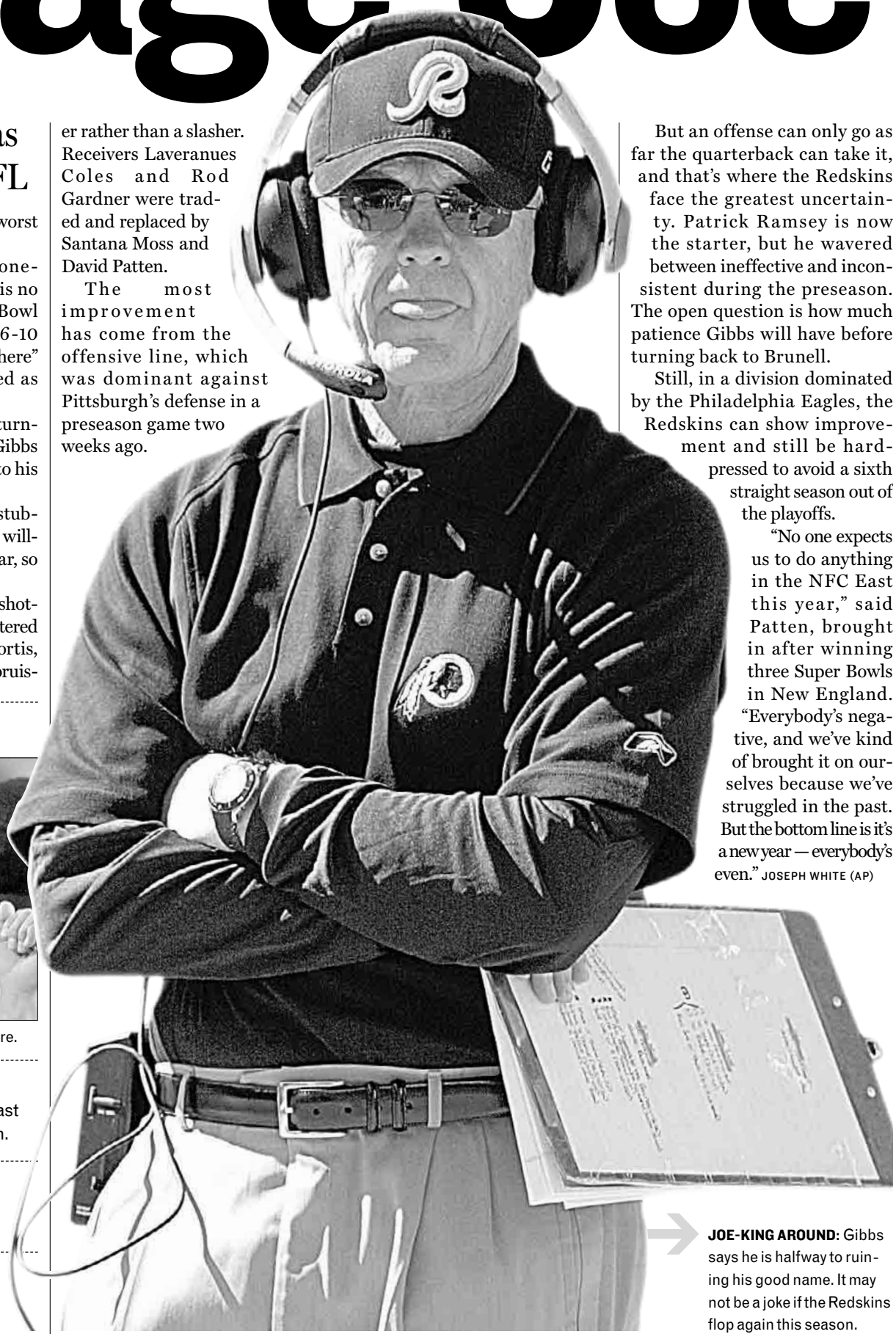


ROLE REVERSAL: Last year, Brunell started and Ramsey watched. Not anymore.

1 How long is Patrick Ramsey's leash as starting quarterback? Gibbs gave Mark Brunell eight games before the hook came last year, but Brunell looked sharper than Ramsey in the preseason.

2 Is Santana Moss a better receiver than Laveranues Coles? The numbers don't suggest it, but if the Redskins land more deep passes, then the offseason swap will look good.

3 Can Sean Taylor stay focused on football all season? Based on the preseason, you'd never know the safety has an impending court date. Another reason he's so special.



JOE-KING AROUND: Gibbs says he is halfway to ruining his good name. It may not be a joke if the Redskins flop again this season.

TONI L. SANDYS/TWP

Donovan McNabb, top, and Terrell Owens, right, may feud all the way to a division title.

No Worries For Eagles

Bickering aside, Philly is still the class of the mediocre NFC East

NFC EAST | Donovan McNabb probably could throw his passes left-handed to Terrell Owens, who could carry a mirror downfield admiring himself, and the Eagles still would win this division.

An exaggeration? Sure. But one that emphasizes how lopsided the NFC East race figures to be again this season. By Thanksgiving,Philadelphia could be celebrating a fifth straight division crown.

It isn't just that the Eagles have the best overall roster in the East, filled with leaders, and an excellent coaching staff. They also know how to win, and getting to the Super Bowl last winter will be a further boost.

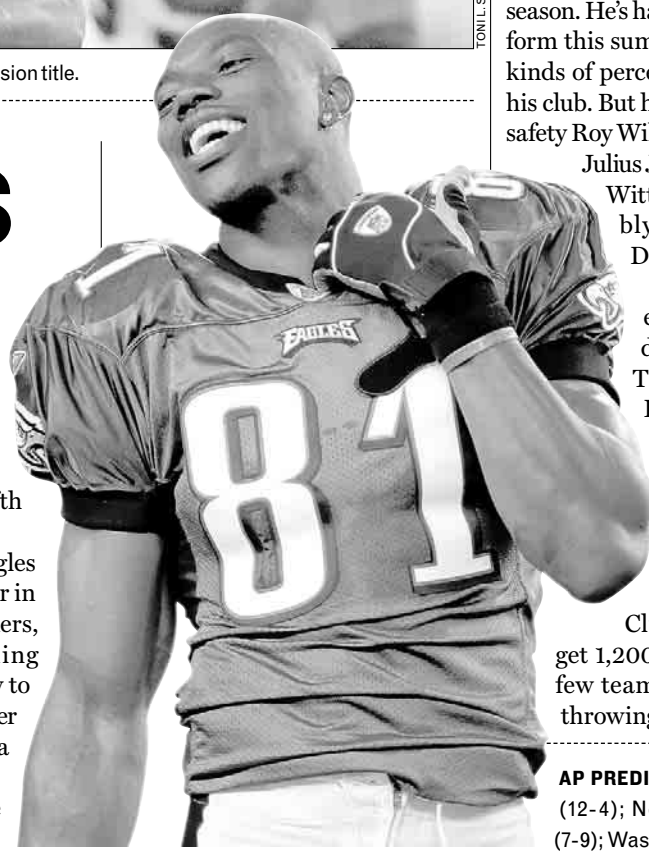
Besides, the other three division members are, at best, mediocre. The Giants have questions all over and a relative novice at quarterback. The Cowboys also have a lot of questions. Washington seems good enough to send Joe Gibbs back to NASCAR.

The Eagles swept their divisional games in 2004 and are quite capable of a repeat. Even with the tumult Owens has caused, they far and away are the class of the East.

The Giants are just hoping to see young QB Eli Manning progress this season.

The main headlines coming out of Dallas could be whether Bill Parcells will stick it out beyond this season. He's has been in midseason form this summer, bemoaning all kinds of perceived problems with his club. But he has playmakers in safety Roy Williams, running back Julius Jones, tight end Jason Witten and, quite possibly, first-round pick DeMarcus Ware.

Another stinker like 2004 could drive Gibbs back to Tony Stewart and Bobby Labonte. The Redskins have that potential, too. Their defense is just fine. The offense is another matter. Running back Clinton Portis should get 1,200 yards rushing. But few teams will be as dismal throwing it. BARRY WILNER (AP)



AP PREDICTIONS: Philadelphia (12-4); New York (7-9); Dallas (7-9); Washington (5-11).

JOHN MCDONNELL/TWP

When will Mark Brunell play this year?

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Clock Running On Gibbs' Hook

THERE'S A NEW OFFENSE and plenty of new starters on defense, but the Redskins still have the same quarterback problem they had a year ago.

After four preseason games, it now seems more a matter of when, and not whether, Mark Brunell will replace an inefficient Patrick Ramsey at quarterback.

The sad part is that Brunell really looks like the answer. He's moving well in the pocket, his throws are crisp and he just has the feel of a leader.

But it's hard to forget that last season Brunell's play cost the team games, and Joe Gibbs' admirable yet infuriating loyalty cost the Redskins a winning record.

Ramsey, decent in relief of the left-handed veteran, seems so overjoyed to be starting that he's developed a case of happy feet and still has trouble seeing the field well.

With improved offensive schemes and this strong defense, quarterback play will make or break the season. If Ramsey stinks, Gibbs can't be as patient as he was last year. Otherwise, we're looking at a 5-11 or 6-10 season.

The bet here is Gibbs isn't stupid or senile at 63. If Ramsey resembles Danny Wuerffel, Brunell will be in. And if Brunell's really washed up? Well, who knows what the future holds?

Regardless, a best-case scenario this year leaves the Redskins at 10-6. Worst-case is 5-11. Reality is in the middle, with Gibbs improving to 8-8 this year with Jason Campbell taking over in 2006.

Matt Swenson, a lifelong Washingtonian, is the sports editor of Express.

Redskins 2005

SEPT. 11	vs. Bears, 1 p.m. (Fox)
SEPT. 19	at Cowboys, 9 p.m. (ABC)
OCT. 2	vs. Seahawks, 1 p.m. (Fox)
OCT. 9	at Broncos, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)
OCT. 16	at Chiefs, 1 p.m. (Fox)
OCT. 23	vs. 49ers, 1 p.m. (Fox)
OCT. 30	at Giants, 1 p.m. (Fox)
NOV. 6	vs. Eagles, 8:30 p.m. (ESPN)
NOV. 13	at Buccaneers, 1 p.m. (Fox)
NOV. 20	vs. Raiders, 1 p.m. (CBS)
NOV. 27	vs. Chargers, 1 p.m. (CBS)
DEC. 4	at Rams, 4 p.m. (Fox)
DEC. 11	at Cardinals, 4 p.m. (Fox)
DEC. 18	vs. Cowboys, 1 p.m. (Fox)
DEC. 24	vs. Giants, 1 p.m. (Fox)
JAN. 1	at Eagles, 4:15 p.m. (Fox)

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The Madden NFL franchise is a hit not only with fans, but football players too.

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"I used to be the champ," Redskins tackle Chris Samuels said, "but I gave the belt away. I just don't play much anymore."

Some of the younger 'Skins are carrying the torch, or joystick.

"I play Rock [Cartwright] a lot. [Derrick Dockery] thinks he's good. Clinton thinks he's pretty good too, but I think I might be the champ as far as the team's concerned," Redskins running back Ladell Betts said.

There's even a championship for players. Washington's LaVar Arrington was blown out by Carolina's Julius Peppers in the Madden Bowl 2004 tournament. The irony? Peppers used the Redskins. ERIC BRANDNER

2005 NFL Preview

OUR PREDICTIONS

SPORTS EDITOR MATT SWENSON

- **NFC DIVISION WINNERS:** Philadelphia Eagles 12-4; Green Bay Packers 9-7; Atlanta Falcons 11-5; St. Louis Rams 10-6
- **WILD CARDS:** Carolina Panthers, 10-6; Dallas Cowboys 9-7
- **AFC DIVISION WINNERS:** New England Patriots 11-5; Baltimore Ravens 11-5; Indianapolis Colts, 13-3; San Diego Chargers, 10-6
- **WILD CARDS:** N.Y. Jets, 10-6; Pittsburgh Steelers, 10-6
- **SUPER BOWL:** Colts def. Eagles

SPORTS WRITER CHRIS MINCHER

- **NFC DIVISION WINNERS:** Redskins 13-3; Detroit Lions 10-6; Carolina Panthers 11-5; St. Louis Rams 10-6
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- **AFC DIVISION WINNERS:** N.Y. Jets 14-2; Baltimore Ravens 15-1; Indianapolis Colts 12-4; Kansas City Chiefs 12-4
- **WILD CARDS:** New England Patriots 10-6; Pittsburgh Steelers 10-6
- **SUPER BOWL:** Eagles def. Jets

A Stumbling Point

Is this the year Peyton Manning can lead the Colts past the Patriots?

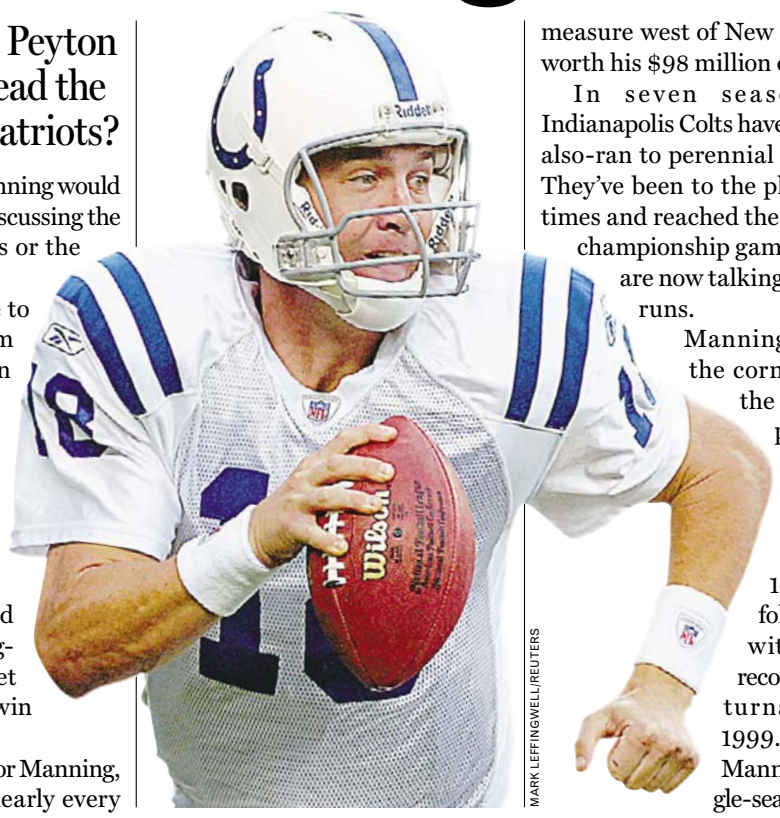
FOOTBALL | Peyton Manning would do anything to avoid discussing the New England Patriots or the Super Bowl.

He'd do even more to separate himself from the phrase "couldn't win a championship."

"Not being to a Super Bowl is something we'd like to change this year," Manning said.

The quarterback enters his eighth season determined to shed the Colts' lingering legacy: an inability to get past the Patriots and win a Super Bowl.

It's a heavy burden for Manning, a No. 1 pick who by nearly every measure west of New England is worth his $98 million contract.



MARK LEFFINGWELL/REUTERS

In seven seasons, the Indianapolis Colts have gone from also-ran to perennial contender. They've been to the playoffs five times and reached the 2003 AFC championship game, and fans are now talking about title runs.

Manning has been the cornerstone of the rebuilding project. He produced a strong rookie season in 1998 and followed that with an NFL record 10-game turnaround in 1999. Last year, Manning set single-season records for touchdown passes (49) and quarterback rating (121.1) and extended his own league mark of consecutive 4,000-yard seasons to six.

He, Joe Montana and Brett Favre are the only players to win consecutive MVP awards, and many believe Manning could join Favre as the only three-time winner.

But despite the seemingly flawless resume, Perfect Peyton is still dogged by the four dirtiest words in the Colts' vocabulary: "New England" and "Super Bowl."

At New England, he is 0-7, including crushing playoff losses in 2003 and 2004 when Manning was anything but perfect. He'll get another chance on Nov. 7, a Monday night game in Foxborough, Mass.

A victory over the Pats could change everything.

The Colts expect to vie for home-field advantage in the playoffs, and if a win keeps them in the RCA Dome throughout January, Manning might finally have a shot at his elusive Super Bowl.

MICHAEL MAROT (AP)

AP WEEK 1 PICKS

- The **OAKLAND RAIDERS** have been squawking about opening their season in New England since they learned in March they would play the Thursday night opener in Foxborough. Sorry, but that's the price for getting Randy Moss. The Raiders get one break — it won't be snowing, as it was during the famous (or infamous) "tuck rule" playoff game. These Patriots, without last year's coordinators, have question marks as they start their quest for an unprecedented three straight Super victories. Still, they are favored by 7 1/2. **PATRIOTS, 38-24**.
- **PHILADELPHIA** (-1 1/2) at **ATLANTA**. Terrell Owens probably will say at some point he prefers Michael Vick to Donovan McNabb. **FALCONS, 24-23**.
- **INDIANAPOLIS** (-3) at **BALTIMORE**. Corey Simon's not ready for Baltimore and Jamal Lewis can keep Peyton Manning off the field. **RAVENS 20-17**
- **NEW ORLEANS** (+7) at **CAROLINA**. You got to feel for the Saints, but Carolina is on a mission. **PANTHERS, 21-13**
- **NEW YORK JETS** (+3) at **KANSAS CITY**. The Chiefs "upgrade" defense each year with few results. **JETS, 33-27**
- **DALLAS** (+4 1/2) at **SAN DIEGO**. Antonio Gates' absence won't change the outcome. **CHARGERS, 20-17**
- **DENVER** (-5) at **MIAMI**. Nick Saban's changes can't instantly overcome the mistakes of the previous regime. **BRONCOS, 27-18**
- **ARIZONA** (+2 1/2) at **NEW YORK GIANTS**. Kurt Warner had trouble with the Giants even when he was in top form in St. Louis. **GIANTS, 26-23**
- **SEATTLE** (+3) at **JACK-SONVILLE**. Long trip for nothing. **JAGUARS, 19-13**
- **GREEN BAY** (+3) at **DETROIT**. The Packers often stumble in Detroit. **LIONS, 31-23**.
- **TAMPA BAY** (+6) at **MINNESOTA**. The Vikings can challenge in a weak NFC. **VIKINGS, 24-13**.
- **CINCINNATI** (-3 1/2) at **CLEVELAND**. The Browns are what the Bengals used to be. **BENGALS, 31-10**.
- **TENNESSEE** (+7) at **PITTSBURGH**. Tennessee can't challenge the Steelers. **STEELERS, 41-13**.
- **HOUSTON** (+4 1/2) at **BUFFALO**. Bills defense is good. **BILLS, 10-3**.
- **ST. LOUIS** (-5 1/2) at **SAN FRANCISCO**. For one week, the Rams look like the Rams of old. **RAMS, 39-7**.
- **CHICAGO** (+6) at **WASHINGTON**. The Redskins have QB questions. The Bears don't have a QB. **REDSKINS 11-4**. DAVE GOLDBERG (AP)

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Drew Bledsoe is being asked to play it safe by Dallas Cowboys coach Bill Parcells.

The Cowboy Way: Coach, QB Reunite

Parcells turns to older Bledsoe a decade after duo led Pats to success

COWBOYS | Drew Bledsoe is graying just a tad and he tries getting home from practice in time to have dinner with his wife and four kids.

Age and experience have made Bledsoe more responsible as a quarterback, too, at least compared to when he last played for Bill Parcells. And that's what Parcells is counting on with the Dallas Cowboys.

Instead of the "high-wire act" they ran together a decade ago in New England, Parcells is asking Bledsoe to be a wise, efficient leader. The early results are encouraging. Bledsoe finished the preseason without an interception and was sacked only four times.

"Bill said when he brought me in here, 'You've got to be smart. We're not going to throw the ball like a high-wire act,'" Bledsoe said.

Bledsoe's experience with Parcells should help, especially when he inevitably goes over that edge.

Bledsoe began enduring Parcells' wrath in 1993 in New England. He was only 21 — single, with no kids and all brown hair — and he was the No. 1 overall pick of the draft.

Realizing the team would go as far as Bledsoe could throw them, Parcells told him to let it rip. It worked, as New England reached the Super Bowl in their fourth year.

Then Parcells took off and Bledsoe's career began to swirl.

He famously lost his job to Tom Brady in 2001 and was traded to Buffalo. He made the Pro Bowl his first year, but couldn't get the Bills into the playoffs over three seasons and was released in February.

The Cowboys snatched him up immediately in a reunion between Parcells and one of "his guys."

"He has a wealth of experience beyond where he was when I [last] had him," Parcells said. "He's a much more mature, understanding quarterback." JAIME ARON (AP)

TODAY'S TV LINEUP

BASEBALL (7 P.M. ON MASN) Look for a pitcher's duel between the Washington Nationals' John Patterson and Florida Marlins' Josh Beckett at RFK Stadium.

NFL (9 P.M. ON ABC) Randy Moss makes his debut for the Oakland Raiders in the NFL opener against the Super Bowl champion New England Patriots.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL (7 P.M. ON ESPN2) Oklahoma State looks to improve to 2-0 when visiting Florida Atlantic.

TENNIS (11 A.M. AND 7 P.M. ON USA) The men's quarterfinals at the U.S. Open.

WNBA (9 P.M. ON ESPN) The Sacramento Monarchs visit the Houston Comets in Game 1 of the Western Conference finals.

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Television

A LITTLE HELP: Hopefully dubbed "Shelter From the Storm," the super-big musical benefit to aid hurricane victims is set to be broadcast live Friday night on every major network. Performers include Sheryl Crow, Dixie Chicks, Randy Newman and Alicia Keys.

Five More to Go

In 'Reunion,' a group of grads unravels the mystery of a death

DEBUT | The clever new soap opera/mystery series "Reunion" (9 p.m., Fox) follows a group of high-school friends from their graduation in 1986 to the present-day investigation of one of their murders occurring sometime after their 20th high school reunion.

The action begins at the funeral of the unidentified victim, with Detective Marjorino (Matthew St. Patrick) grilling an unseen character who begins to spill the beans about her small circle of friends.

FOX

GRADUATION DAY: Sure, all of these pretty young actors could pass for 18.

No sooner can you say "flashback" and we're back to the era of Wham! The gang includes spoiled rich kid Craig (Sean Faris), his girlfriend, Samantha (Alexa Davalos) and Will (Will Estes), Craig's best friend from the wrong side of the cloverleaf. There's also the hot Jenna (Amanda Righetti), the brainy, needy Aaron (Dave Annable) and Carla (Chyler Leigh), a moody pharmacist's daughter.

The action will advance one year with every episode. So next week's story will unfold in 1987, followed by 1988 and so on, until the mystery is explained. This will allow the wardrobe department to ransack several decades' worth of outfits. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

ON TV TONIGHT

SCRUB UP IN RERUNS
On back-to-back episodes of **SCRUBS** (NBC), quarantines (9 p.m.), a fetching bartender (9:30 p.m.).

GOOD VS. EVIL
Jeri Ryan guest stars as Kirsten's fellow rehab patient on the third-season premiere of **THE O.C.** (9 p.m., Fox).

WHAT IS THIS 'RED BULL'?
A naive young man (Brendan Fraser) raised in a Cold War bomb shelter by paranoid parents emerges in modern-day L.A. in the 1999 comedy **BLAST FROM THE PAST** (9 p.m., TBS). Fraser is charming here. Alicia Silverstone is not.

SO WHY ISN'T BASEBALL OVER?
Freddie Prinze Jr. hosts the **NFL OPENING KICKOFF 2005** (8 p.m., ABC), featuring performances by the Rolling Stones, Green Day, Santana, Trisha Yearwood, Maroon 5 and Kanye West. Following the concert, the New England Patriots will host the Oakland Raiders in the season premiere of **MONDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL** (9 p.m., ABC). KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

NEW LINE CINEMA

TIME SHARED: Fraser and Silverstone learn history in "Blast From the Past."

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	Discovery	Monster Garage "Army"		American Chopper "NY Jets Bike"		Journey of Life "Living Together"		Journey of Life "Human Life" (N)		The FBI Files Key witness is killed. (N)		Journey of Life "Living Together"	
	DISCH	Paramedics "Two Cities"		Trauma: Life in the ER		Face Transplant		A New Face		Anatomy of Sex		Face Transplant	
	Disney	Sister, Sister	Phil of the Future	That's So Raven	That's So Raven	★★ "Tiger Cruise" (2004, Drama) Hayden Panettiere, Bill Pullman.				Buzz on Maggie	Sister, Sister	That's So Raven	That's So Raven
	E!	Filthy Rich: Cattle Drive		E! News (N)	It's Good to Be	★★★ "The Birdcage" (1996, Comedy) Robin Williams, Gene Hackman, Nathan Lane.					That Was Huge	Howard Stern	Howard Stern
	FX	Fear Factor Climbing a blimp.		King of the Hill	King of the Hill	★★ "American Pie" (1999, Comedy) Jason Biggs, Shannon Elizabeth.				Starved (N)	(:31) Starved	Always Sunny	Starved
	HGTV	Wknd Warriors	Landscapers	Curb Appeal	House Hunters	Small Space	reDesign (N)	Divine Design (N)	Designers'	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	Design on a Dime	Painted House
	Family	7th Heaven "The Prodigal Father"		Smallville "Nicodemus"		★ "A Guy Thing" (2003, Romance-Comedy) Jason Lee, Julia Stiles.				Whose Line?	Whose Line?	The 700 Club	
	History	Modern Marvels: Inviting Disaster		Modern Marvels: Car Crashes		The Real Spartacus		The Colosseum		Life and Death in Rome (N)		Life and Death in Rome (N)	
	Lifetime	The Golden Girls	Golden Palace	★★ "Hysterical Blindness" (2002) Uma Thurman, Gena Rowlands.				★★ "The Incredible Mrs. Ritchie" (2003) Gena Rowlands. Premiere.				Golden Palace	The Golden Girls
	MTV	Trailer Fabulous	Trailer Fabulous	Direct Effect		Laguna Beach	Laguna Beach	Wild & Out	Wild & Out	Wild & Out (N)	MTV Special	Date My Mom	Date My Mom
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	SCIFI	Stargate SG-1 "A Matter of Time"		★ "Tremors 4: The Legend Begins" (2004, Horror) Michael Gross.				★★ "Tremors" (1990, Horror) Kevin Bacon, Fred Ward, Finn Carter.				★★ "The Frighteners" (1996)	
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	TBS	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Every-Raymond	Every-Raymond	Friends	Friends	★★ "Blast From the Past" (1999, Comedy) Brendan Fraser. (DVS)				(:10) ★★ "Sugar & Spice" (2001)	
	TLC	Clean Sweep		In a Fix Unfinished tasks.		Tattoo! Beauty, Art and Pain		Area 51: Fact or Fiction		Exorcists: The True Story		Tattoo! Beauty, Art and Pain	
	TNT	Charmed "Just Married"		Law & Order "Navy Blues"		Law & Order "Slaughter"		★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998) Michael Douglas, Gwyneth Paltrow.				★★ "A Perfect Murder" (1998)	
	USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		U.S. Open Tennis Men's Quarterfinals. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live)								Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
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	TCM	Night of Iguana	★★ "Seven Women" (1966, Drama) Anne Bancroft. 'NR'			★★★ "Salt of the Earth" (1954, Drama) Juan Chacon, Will Geer. 'NR'				★★★ "The Valley of Decision" (1945, Drama) Gregory Peck. 'NR'			
	HBO	(:15) ★★★ "Men in Black" (1997) Tommy Lee Jones. 'PG-13'				★★ "Shark Tale" (2004) Voices of Will Smith. 'PG'			★★ "The Grudge" (2004) Sarah Michelle Gellar. 'PG-13'			Sex Inspectors	The Comeback
	MAX	(5:30) ★★★ "Coming to America" (1988) Eddie Murphy.			(:45) ★ "Speed 2: Cruise Control" (1997, Suspense) Sandra Bullock. 'PG-13'					★★★ "Shrek 2" (2004) Voices of Mike Myers. 'PG'			Sexual Bound.
	SHOW	(5:45) ★★ "Dangerous Minds" (1995) Michelle Pfeiffer.			(:25) ★ "Boat Trip" (2003) Cuba Gooding Jr. 'R'			Soul Food Willie White pressures Lem.		Barbershop (iTV)	Barbershop (iTV)	★★ "Ju-on" (2003) Megumi Okina.	
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	ENCORE	(5:35) ★★★ "Open Range" (2003, Western) Robert Duvall. 'R'				★★ "Outbreak" (1995, Suspense) Dustin Hoffman, René Russo. 'R'				(:15) ★★★ "Gangs of New York" (2002) Leonardo DiCaprio. 'R'			

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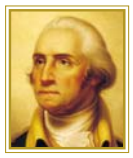

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Culture

Feng Shui Mickey

The new Hong Kong Disneyland is made with luck in mind

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MIGHTY MOUSE: Mickey wears traditional Chinese garb at the brand-new park.

When Disney began designing its newest kingdom in Hong Kong, planners decided Mickey's magic wasn't enough for success. The park needed an extra boost from feng shui.

The ancient Chinese practice involves ensuring that there is a good flow of energy, or "qi." Buildings and other structures need to face a certain direction depending on their surroundings. Elements such as wood, fire and earth have to be carefully balanced.

It's a tricky business, but few dare to ignore it in Hong Kong. Many believe bad feng shui can cause financial ruin, and Disney wasn't about to risk it, said Tom Morris, a chief designer at Hong Kong Disneyland.

"Regarding feng shui, the thing that is most visible is the heavy usage of water in the park," Morris said. Besides lakes and streams, many waterfalls are strategically placed around the park to accumulate good fortune and wealth, Morris said. Visitors are greeted at the entrance by a large bronze fountain with Mickey Mouse surfing on a jet of water.

Renowned feng shui master Peter So, who didn't work on the park, gives the design high marks. "That fountain's function is to create wealth, and more importantly it serves to block the straight road leading into the park," said So, adding that curved roads enable qi to flow better than straight ones.

To the trained eye, subtle feng shui planning is evident everywhere. The park is painstakingly oriented so that it faces the sea and is flanked by the surrounding hills to maximize energy. Ornamental boulders are placed carefully to promote stability and to make sure good fortune does not flow away. In kitchens, stoves are placed in lucky locations.

One of the most telling examples of how much Disney respected its feng shui master was the decision to open the park on Sept. 12. Many American companies might be reluctant to schedule a celebratory event so close to the date of the terrorist attacks in the U.S. four years ago. But according to "Tung Shing," a popular almanac dictating the "dos and don'ts" for every day of the year, Sept. 12 is a lucky day for business openings.

The Chinese love lucky numbers, and Hong Kong Disneyland has plenty of them hidden in its design. Exactly 2,238 crystal lotuses decorate the Chinese restaurant at the Disneyland Hotel because in the local dialect of Cantonese, the numbers sound like the phrase "easily generate wealth."

The main ballroom, where weddings are to be hosted, was designed to be 888 square meters — another "wealthy" number. Neither of the two hotels has a fourth floor, because four sounds the same as the word for "death."

Disney has even ensured that traditional Chinese taboos do not find their way into their merchandise. Shoppers looking for green hats in Disney stores will be disappointed, because in Chinese, a man putting on a green hat means he is cuckolded. Goofy, however, will be allowed to keep his. SYLVIA HUI (AP)

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Tie-Ins

Of Course, Mischa Would Never Wear It

"The O.C.," which starts its third season today, is working with Amazon.com and Necessary Objects designer Ady Gluck-Frankel to create a line of clothes inspired by the show's wardrobe. Amazon's dedicated section (AMAZON.COM/THEOC) features 12 pieces, including gaucho pants, knit tops adorned with sequins, and a full-length satin peasant skirt that can serve as a beach coverall during the day or be dressed up with the tie-back halter vest for an evening look. The collection ranges in price from $38 to $78. (AP)

Technology

Now You Can Treat Your Phone Like a Pet

Apple Computer introduced both a music-playing cell phone and a pencil-thin iPod on Wednesday. The Motorola ROKR will come loaded with iTunes software, store up to 100 songs and include built-in dual-stereo speakers and stereo headphones that will double as a headset. The new Nano iPod is one-third the size of the Mini and can store up to 1,000 songs or 25,000 photos. A 4-gigabyte Nano will retail for $249 and a 2-gigabyte model will sell for $199. The Nanos will be in stores as soon as Thursday; the ROKR will be offered by Cingular Wireless for $250 with a two-year contract starting Thursday. (AP)

Very, Very Vera

She wears leggings (!) and wanted to act

VERA WANG SAYS THAT IN FASHION, you're only as good as your last collection. Lucky for her that her fall collection, full of floating dresses and luxe velvet separates in a woodsy palette of greens, browns and golds, received rave reviews and earned her this year's Council of Fashion Designers of America trophy as the top womenswear designer.

She promises a spring collection worthy of "a 1950s heiress who visits exciting places — think Doris Duke."

Wang's first aspiration was to be an actress. "But there still were not many roles for Asian women. I could only play Ophelia if I moved to Hong Kong. I made the right career choice," she said.

She went to Sarah Lawrence College and studied art history — and her love and appreciation of art is front and center in the clothes she makes. Fall, for example, was influenced by Flemish painters and spring "is all about Matisse."

INTO THE WOODS: Vera Wang's Fall 2005 collection paired jeweled belts with deep greens and pure golds for a royal yet sylvan look.

Designing People

After graduation she wanted to go to the Fashion Institute of Technology for further study, but her father wouldn't pay for it. She took a job at Vogue instead. And 15 years ago, she went into business as a bridal designer. This is only her second year doing ready-to-wear. "Ready-to-wear is what I've wanted to do since the beginning. ... I'm not a girl who spends my life in a ballgown," Wang said.

But most things in her collection, including fall's teal and bronze brocade tank with a beaded band around the empire waist and a jade satin gown with ruching at the bust and back and two gold beaded belts, are still more for well-heeled women.

And yet, Wang wears leggings, a solidly proletariat garment. "When Gap stopped making them I didn't know what I was going to do. Now I wear Danskin but I would like to get them in colors other than black," she said. "They're like jeans, they become nothing. The fashion is on top ... It could be an undersized sweater, an oversized T, a deconstructed jacket." SAMANTHA CRITCHELL (AP)

ART ATTACK: Wang's spring collection is inspired by Matisse; her fall pieces, by Flemish painters.

DEAR MANOLO ►► THE SHOEBLOGGER ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

White shoes after Labor Day? Yes or no? —Janice

Manolo says, ah, the eternal question to which the Manolo he gives the eternal answer: yes, yes, the thousand times yes, the white shoes they may be worn after the Day of Labor. Usually, the Manolo, he is the man of traditions, however, some of the traditions, such as this one, they are the vestiges of ridiculous rules made by the petty peoples. Instead, the correct rule it is always appropriateness. It is indeed not appropriate to wear the flip flops to meet the Mr. President. However, it is most appropriate to wear the super fantastic white shoes anytime the weather it is clement. If the shoe looks good, the shoe it must be worn. These white sandals, the Hilton from the Nicole Miller ($165, zappos.com), would they not look good, even in October? VISIT THE MANOLO AT SHOEBLOGS.COM

The Other Gender Gap

Culture

Gay men and lesbians don't always see eye-to-eye on issues

Although they campaign arm-in-arm for gay rights, lesbians and gay men don't always march in step. With bemusement and at times frustration, they acknowledge a lingering gender gap in how they live, socialize and perceive each other.

The two groups each grapple with real differences and with stereotypes of themselves and the other sex: that gay men are the party-goers, flashy and promiscuous; that lesbians are the relatively dull homebodies.

In San Francisco and New York, nightclubs in the main gay districts tend to be virtually all-male, while many lesbians have settled in quieter, less expensive neighborhoods. Some lesbians question whether gay men, whom they supported fervently during the peak of the AIDS crisis, are reciprocating now with appropriate empathy for lesbian health problems.

JULIE PLASENCIA/AP

UNITED FRONT: Though they campaign together for gay rights — as at San Francisco's Gay Pride parade, above — lesbians and gay men acknowledge a gap.

"It never ceases to amaze me how much sexism there is among gay men, given that they're the main victims of sexism," said Kate Kendell, executive director of the San Francisco-based National Center for Lesbian Rights.

National gay rights leaders say the gender gap has narrowed dramatically from the 1960s and '70s, when lesbian feminists openly rebelled at what they considered to be patronizing male domination of the movement. Now, political solidarity is strong, but other differences remain.

The National Center for Lesbian Rights is a rarity among major gay-rights groups in retaining a gender-specific name, even though it advocates on behalf of men, too, in pushing for same-sex marriage and other goals.

"That part of our name conveys a feminist philosophy and recognizes that sexism is the universal oppressor — of gay men as well as lesbians," Kendell said.

Shum Preston, a political consultant in San Francisco, said he and his partner of 13 years have been thrust into lesbian culture since they became co-parents of children with two lesbian couples. "The friendship structure seems a lot stronger than in the gay male community," he said.

Bevan Dufty, who represents the heavily gay Castro district on San Francisco's Board of Supervisors, said the boom in gay parenting is forging a powerful new bond between lesbians and gay men raising children as they share advice and lobby for family-oriented services.

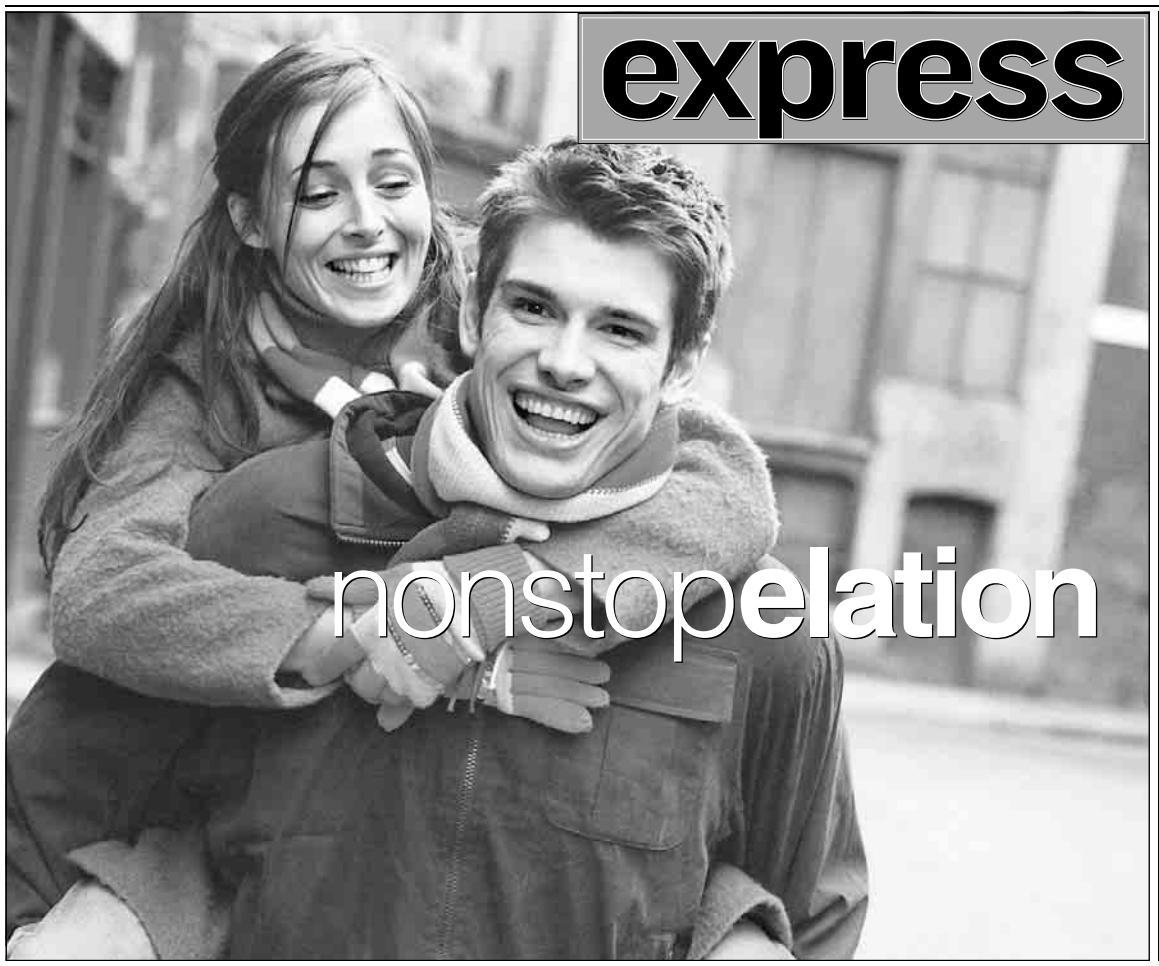
But the Castro's nightlife remains male-dominated, Dufty said, and the lesbians and gay men in his coed track club often divide by gender when dispersing for lunch after running together.

Matt Foreman, executive director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, said the degree of interaction between lesbians and gay men varies by locality.

"I've been to places like Topeka, Kansas, where gay men and lesbians socialize together and have a good time," he said. "While in New York — with the exception of some political and charitable events — there's virtually no interaction."

Foreman also said gay-rights groups should place more focus on breast cancer and other women's health issues. "I understand the frustrations of lesbians," he said. "They did so much to respond to the AIDS crisis and don't see a lot of reciprocity."

DAVID CRARY (AP)



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Katrina | Insurance Claims

CAROLYN GORMAN of the Insurance Information Institute was online Tuesday to discuss insurance claims and Hurricane Katrina | washingtonpost.com/liveonline

How will the finances of insurance companies hold up? Will premiums rise in Maryland and outside of the Gulf Coast?
Hurricane Katrina is the worst natural disaster the insurance industry has ever handled. We expect the losses to be upwards of $35 billion. Nevertheless, we have the resources to pay the claims from the hurricane. We have done it before, and will do it again.

In regards to rates, over the last decade or so, insurance rates have been rising in areas of the country vulnerable to big storms. They will continue to do so as the losses mount. Rates will not go up for people who do not live in these hurricane-prone areas. Hurricane Isabel did a lot of damage in Maryland three years ago, and it is possible that rates in areas of the state near the water will continue to rise.

I have lost my home in the flooding caused by Katrina. I happen to live in the part of New Orleans which will take over 30 days to drain. How will adjusters be able to survey the damage in a timely manner?
Many of the same disruptions confronting the victims of Katrina also are faced by insurance adjusters and agents: lack of power, phone service, housing and fuel shortages. Some may be disaster victims themselves. Thousands of adjusters from around the country have begun adjusting claims in areas accessible. Others are gathered at staging areas, prepared to move into the most seriously damaged communities as soon as authorities allow.

You've said that one common mistake is not insuring a home to its full replacement cost value. How does one know what the full replacement cost value of their house is?
The best way to determine how much insurance you need is to speak to an appraiser. Ask the appraiser how much it would cost to rebuild the house on the land that it sits on now. Ask yourself three questions: Do I have enough insurance to rebuild my house if it's destroyed? Do I have enough insurance to replace my personal property if it's destroyed? The best way to figure this out is by doing a home inventory. Do I have enough insurance to protect my assets if I'm sued?

I bought my mobile home and insurance from Bud's Mobile Homes, in Miss. I have not been able to reach anyone at their office yet. I never received a written policy, just an assurance over the phone several months ago that my home was insured. If Bud's goes out of business, will I have any recourse?
Whether or not you are insured will depend upon Bud. It is unfortunate that you don't have a written insurance policy. An insurance policy is a contract and it would need the signatures of yourself and Bud. You will be left with very little recourse if he refuses to pay or goes out of business.

➜ Today on Live Online

11 A.M.: Wayne Pacelle, president and chief executive officer of the Humane Society of the United States, will discuss pet rescue operations in the Gulf Coast states.

Letters

Stadiums as Shelters

CONGRESS HAS STEROID USE in major league sports on its agenda. Wouldn't it be more useful to declare that all future sports domes and arenas be built from the ground up as hardened shelters with bathrooms, power and prepositioned MREs to accomodate their surrounding communities? That would get Congress in the sports spotlight and do something useful.

—RON TULL
Laurel, Md.

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"Yes, I do feel oppressed. But I was thinking more along the lines of taking an assertiveness training course."

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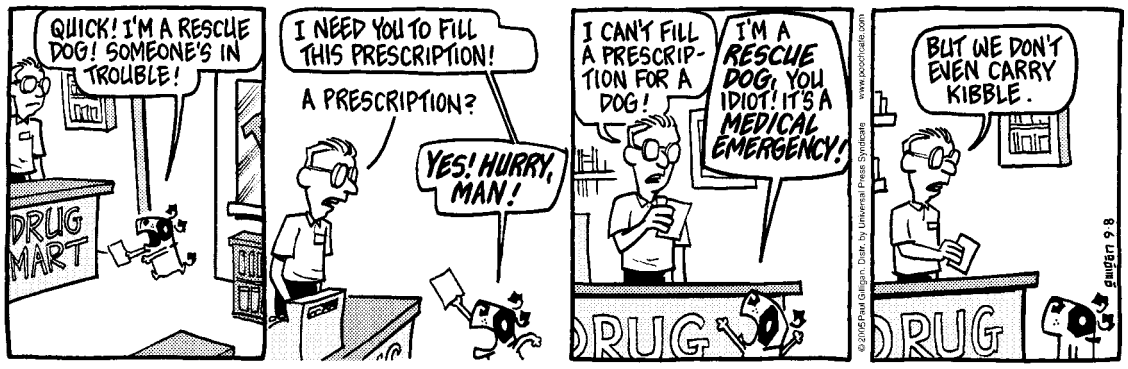

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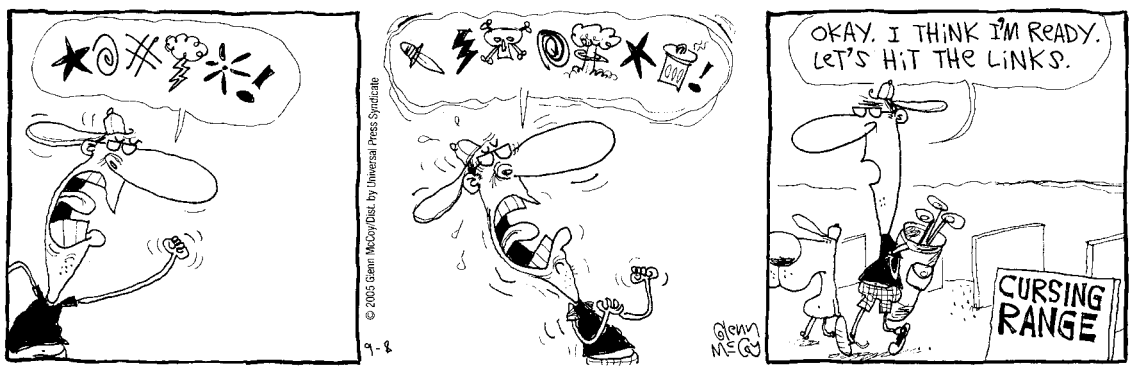

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IN MEMORIAM

"When Bob Denver as Gilligan would 'guest star' on the Scooby Doo show and be in the same frame as Shaggy, it was like time and space had folded in on itself in ways both delightful and eschatologically terrifying. Perhaps I am reading too much into it. Perhaps I shouldn't have eaten so much sugared cereal as a child."

JOURNALS.AOL.COM/JOHNMSCALZI/BYTHEWAY REMEMBERS EVERYONE'S FAVORITE CASTAWAY.

THINK CROPP 1

"So I am seeing these signs everywhere. However, they always make me think of "crap" instead. Kind of a bad name for a politician, and a dumb thing to have on a sign anyway. Why not just "Linda Cropp"? Even "Cropp for Mayor" sounds like crap. But with a first name, it's less obvious.

SQUIDPANTS.BLOGSPOT.COM THINKS ABOUT LINDA CROPP'S "THINK CROPP" CAMPAIGN SIGNS.

THINK CROPP 2

"I can hear the stump speeches now, claiming that she stood up to the greedy MLB owners while wrapping herself in the Nationals' push toward the playoffs."

ALLTHINGSMARICH.COM/BLOG THINKS CROPP, AND ISN'T TOO KEEN ON THE D.C. COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON'S MAYORAL CAMPAIGN.

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't get caught up in the rumor mill; the information is sure to come to you in a rush from several sources. Let inaccuracy stop with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Everything is coming up roses for you. It matters not whether it is just dumb luck or desserts, so don't doubt your current good fortune.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Keep the flirting under control or you're likely to attract the wrong person. You can't afford a complex entanglement now.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Someone is expecting you to be reasonable; it's up to you to see that he or she is not expecting too much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You may be particularly vulnerable to one who knows your weak points intimately. Flattery may affect you more than usual.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be willing to take responsibility for your actions and words. Be sure you are not giving the wrong impression.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) It's time for you to turn that high-powered understanding inward. You've been letting yourself get away with too much for too long.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Resist the temptation to respond too casually to someone else's serious side. See if you can be more honestly open and receptive.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Take an important matter to someone in authority. A problem has been festering: Put it in someone else's hands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have to relive an experience that you would banish from your memory for good. In the end, however, you will have learned a lesson.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's essential that you are a good listener. Your opinions are valid, but you may want to set them aside in favor of another's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Career plans may have to be changed slightly in order for you to better prepare for an upcoming challenge. Someone knows just what's in store.

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5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny, warm	Partly cloudy	Warm, partly sunny	Partly sunny	Mostly sunny	Mostly sunny, warm
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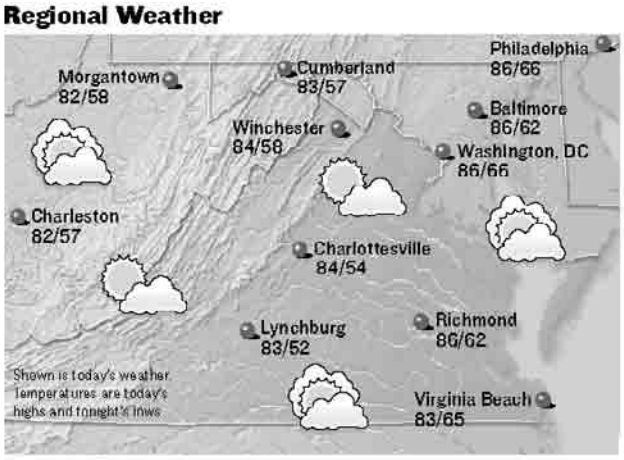

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Almanac

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Average humidity	52%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.00"
Month to date	0.00"
Normal month to date	0.86"
Year to date	29.60"
Last year to date	29.34"
Normal year to date	27.12"

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Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, mostly sunny, warm. High 86. Wind south-southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, partly cloudy. Low 66. Wind becoming north 6-12 mph.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:43 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:28 p.m.
Moonrise today	11:28 a.m.
Moonset today	9:41 p.m.

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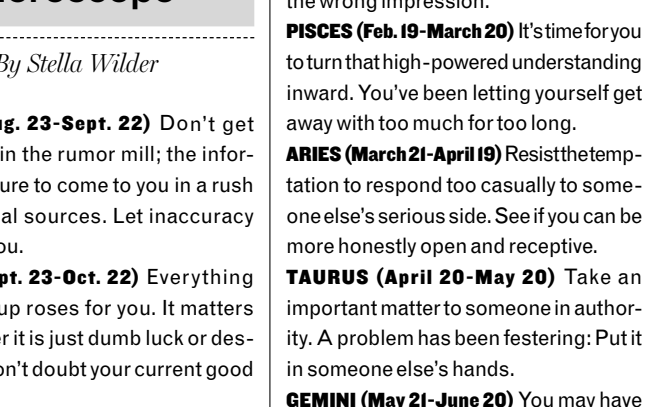

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Boston	85/68/s	76/56/pc
Chicago	80/62/sh	84/64/t
Dallas	96/72/s	98/74/s
Denver	90/60/t	86/56/t
Honolulu	89/77/s	89/77/pc
Los Angeles	82/64/pc	77/60/pc
Miami	90/75/t	90/77/t
New York City	86/68/s	82/64/pc
Orlando	86/74/t	86/74/r
Seattle	74/54/pc	66/52/sh

World Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Fri. Hi/Lo/W
Amsterdam	75/59/sh	75/63/sh
Athens	84/70/s	84/68/s
Berlin	84/54/pc	86/66/pc
Buenos Aires	73/57/pc	70/44/pc
Calgary	72/45/sh	52/36/r
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Geneva	79/55/pc	73/54/c
Moscow	74/57/pc	79/53/s
Rome	81/68/t	81/66/t
Sydney	73/57/s	72/63/s
Tokyo	90/75/t	84/75/c

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice

Look out | People

JOE CAVARETTA/AP

The deconstructed tie look is very hot for autumn among aging rock stars.

SING!

'Forever Wrong, Forever Wrong, For-ev-er Wroonggg'

A federal jury decided Wednesday that **ROD STEWART** should pay a Las Vegas casino $2 million plus interest for a canceled show in December 2000. The seven-member jury found unanimously that Stewart should not have kept an advance he was paid for the show at the Rio Hotel Casino. The 60-year-old Stewart, who was not in U.S. District Court when the verdict was reached, had said he was unable to perform because of throat surgery several months earlier. One of his lawyers, Kerry Garvis Wright, said the rock star will appeal. Steve Morris, a lawyer for the Rio Hotel Casino and its parent company, Harrah's Entertainment, said he was "delighted and relieved" by the verdict. (AP)

TEENS

Meet Britain's Britney

AP

Welsh teen **CHARLOTTE CHURCH**, who has transformed herself from child opera prodigy to pop star, has been named British's GQ woman of the year. The magazine praised Church, 19, for her efforts to take her angelic voice into a harder, more rock-star style. "Charlotte Church is our woman of the year simply because she is larger than life. She is a great singer, a tabloid giant and enjoys life to the full," said GQ editor Dylan Jones. (AP)

ECSTASY

This Could Only Be Improved If David Hasselhoff Sang

The Emmy Awards will be singing a different tune at Sept. 18's ceremony. In an "American Idol"-style competition, luminaries from **WILLIAM SHATNER** to Donald Trump to opera singer Frederica von Stade will perform themes from TV series, with viewers voting on their favorite songs via the Web or text-message. Kristen Bell ("Veronica Mars") will be the only solo performer, with her version of the "Fame" theme, while others will sing duets. Shatner ("Boston Legal") will perform the "Star Trek" theme with von Stade. (AP)

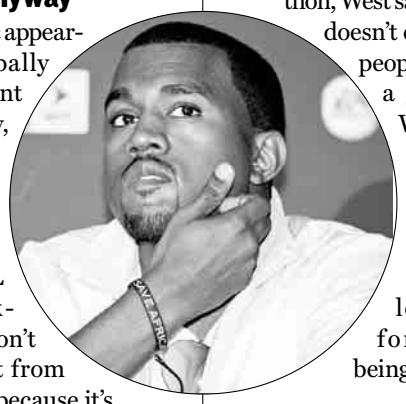
LIES

Lies, Damn Lies and Women's Mag Interviews

BRITNEY SPEARS tells the October issue of Elle magazine that she was "introverted" before she met Kevin Federline, USA Today reported. In her first interview while pregnant, Spears also told the magazine that she was once a people pleaser, who longed "to please people and become what they want to see." She said she didn't know her baby's gender but thinks it's going to be a boy. Oh, and she wants a Cesarean: "I don't want to go through the pain. My mom said giving birth was the most excruciating thing she's ever gone through in her life." C-section or not, "there's times when I get a little scared. It's mind-blowing to have a child." (EXPRESS)

OPINIONS

There Will Be a 30-Minute Tape Delay Anyway



In his first public appearance since verbally lashing President Bush on Friday, **KANYE WEST** said he would stick to entertainment at this week's NFL opening kick-off concert."I don't want to detract from the show at all, because it's entertainment, and a lot of times, in a time of need, we need entertainment to lift people's spirits," West said Tuesday. During a charity telethon, West said "George Bush doesn't care about black people." On Tuesday, a glum-looking West sidestepped questions about the remarks, noting that the week's events have been "a lot of pressure for one human being." (AP)

Ad time is harder to sell when incendiary opinions are at risk of coming out!

BAD ATTITUDES

Reese Should Be Flattered He Wanted Her Pic So Much

A photographer who tried to snap **REESE WITHERSPOON** at the California Adventure theme park in Anaheim was cited for allegedly assaulting two employees, police said. Todd Wallace, 44, was cited for misdemeanor assault and battery Friday, Sgt. Rick Martinez said. Wallace was photographing Witherspoon from a distance, then moved too close. "It did not become an issue until he got close to the group and became aggressive," the sergeant said. An employee with the group tried to get them away from the photographer but Wallace "pushed her with his entire body ... numerous times," Martinez said. Wallace also allegedly assaulted a second employee. (AP)

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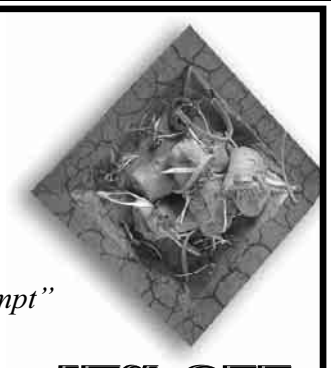

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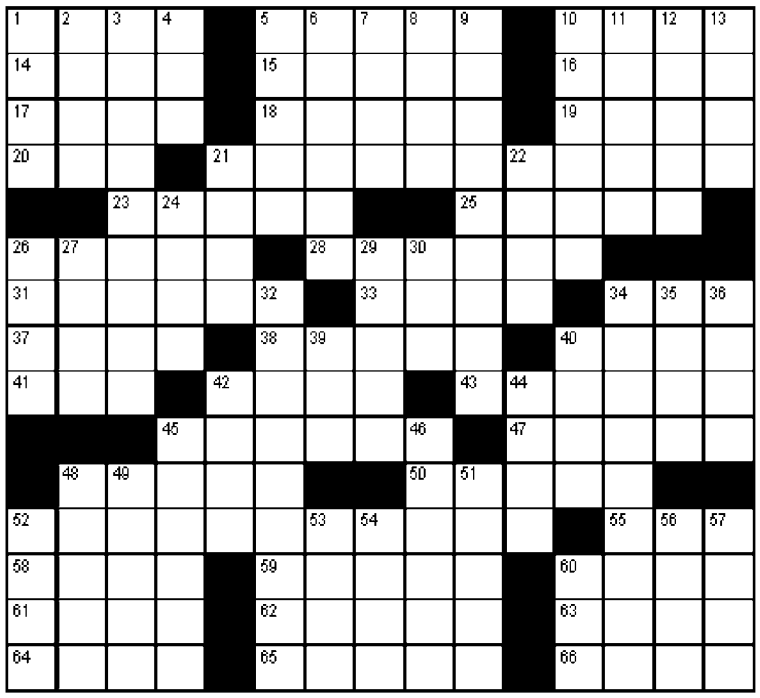

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38 Discover, as an idea
40 Vegetarian's staple
41 Word of acceptance
42 Nat or Natalie
43 Skin transplants
45 Long-running sitcom
47 Gnawed leaf, e.g.
48 Chunnel vision?
50 Plain as the nose on your face
52 Follow procedure
55 Cousin of "hmmm!"
58 Rush-order order
59 Golfer's set
60 Certain cargo measures
61 Lemon peel
62 This occasion
63 Mountaineer's fear
64 Lemon and lime drinks
65 Ridge formed by glacial streams
66 Oceanic whirlpool

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10 "And how!"
11 Place for a phone
12 Greek peninsula
13 On ___ (as a gamble)
21 Nervous swallow
22 Muslim holy man
24 Norma and Charlotte
26 Very pale
27 Fonda role
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30 Sib for sis
32 GI inspection must
34 Olympian's quest
35 Rears, nautically
36 Euterpe, e.g.
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40 Storied plantation?
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44 Offend the nose
45 Some underground chambers
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48 Presented, as a problem
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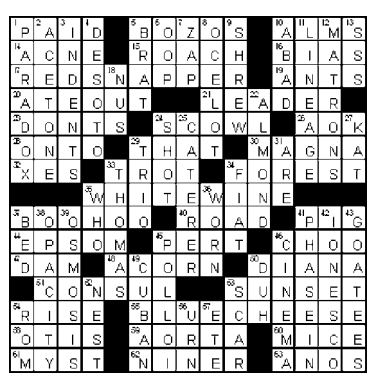

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NAME: Laurel Hausler
GIG: Neo-visionary artist

LIKE SCENES FROM a macabre Victorian cautionary tale, Hausler's paintings and shadowboxes are full of dread, mystery and swampy Southern glamour. She has two paintings in Target Gallery's "Role Play" exhibition. The North Carolina-based artist talked about being self-taught and the fearsome fairy tales of youth.

What put you off formal training?
I had had art classes in high school and a couple in college, but it just went against what drew me to art in the first place.

I got turned off for a long time. But when I was about 22 I moved to New Orleans. That city and the art that came out of it reminded me how art can be — really spiritual and vibrant and exciting. And I became aware of different types of art outside of normal galleries.

Do you mean folk and outsider art?
I do, actually.

It's kind of problematic. Your technique is deliberately folk-artish, but you're not naïve, outsider or folk in the traditional sense.
I'm trying to work on my personal style — the more you work, the more that becomes apparent. But "folk art" is becoming categorized, because that's what allows people to market it and charge higher prices for it. My work just is kind of intuitive and vibrant.

It is; it's almost like seeing a dream state.
I kind of think of my paintings as tableaux. I really like the writings of Shirley Jackson and Henry James, works that have elements of the supernatural, but subtle.

I had "The Golden Book of Fairy Tales" as a child and the pictures in it are gorgeous; it really influenced me. I read a lot of storybooks as a child. Reading them again, I realized how very violent they are.

I see shades of Frida Kahlo, too.
Well, we both paint women because that's what our experience is. Also I was raised Catholic, and I sometimes revert to that imagery in my work. She has a really narrative style. I think portraying your own life as something story-bookish, it helps you understand.

Where do you show?
As I've learned to work with the paint more, it becomes more polished, and I tend to show more in, not mainstream galleries, but galleries that are not dedicated to folk art. The more I do, it seems like connecting the dots or following a breadcrumb trail. ARION BERGER

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VISIONARY QUEST: Hausler's "The Alice Girls," left, and "Paxil," studies in dread-filled, fragile feminine experience.

> "Folk art is becoming categorized, because that allows people to market it."

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Play That Funky Music

Hall & Oates sing blue-eyed soul for their longtime fans

MUSIC | The danger of scoring a hit with the song you wrote for the love of your life is that your fans' ardor may outlive your own. John Denver had to face requests for "Annie's Song" long after his first wife had ceased to fill up his senses.

And Daryl Hall of Hall and Oates, who come to the Filene Center Friday (sans Tears for Fears, who've canceled their tour), will doubtless hear cries for 1975's "Sara Smile" though he and onetime romantic and songwriting partner Sara Allen split several years ago.

It's not that admirers of the chart-topping U.S. duo are insensitive to their heroes' heartaches. It's just that the charms of the song, a tender highlight of H&O's pre-'80s catalog, are irresistible.

U-WATCH RECORDS

CHART-TOPPERS: Yes, they made lots of good music before and after their hits.

Before the twosome got too cozy with the bass synth, they were known for smartly crafted pop that drew inspiration from Philly R&B and spotlighted Hall's soulful tenor and easy falsetto. AM radio just didn't get much better than the slow-building "She's Gone," and "Rich Girl" was the rare put-down song that managed to convey vulnerability even as it unleashed the b-word (back when the only competition was Elton John).

Of course, the danger of waxing "Private Eyes" or "Maneater" or "I Can't Go for That (No Can Do)" — all with the little mustachioed guy; yes, he's still around, although the mustache is history — is that Hall will have to keep singing them too, even though the shoulder pads and muscle-Ts they were written for are nowhere to be found. GLENN DIXON

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GEFFEN RECORDS

KINGS OF INFINITE SPACE: Scandinavian weirdo-rockers Sigur Rós go to the outer limits on their new record, traveling from space to the beer garden to the music box.

Space Cadets

Sigur Rós makes art out of impenetrable sound

MUSIC | Wary of journalists who might leak their music online, Sigur Rós has cryptically mistitled advance CDs of its latest release, "Let Me See the Fish." That's the kind of line that could come from a Monty Python blooper reel or could function as a password at some cultish megachurch.

Either scenario seems appropriate. In fact titled "Takk ...," the Icelandic quartet's fourth proper album contains some bizarre moments to be so cohesive overall. The prevailing mood is still one of emotional expanse and spiritual elevation — that's why Sunday's Strathmore concert is sold out — but where'd we get the oompah-band interlude in "Sé Lest"? It might as well have been piped in from an Edwardian-themed garden party.

And what's with all the twinkling? Candy-coated xylophones, enchanted wind-chimes and what-not have hovered on the periphery of SR's music since the days of its debut long-player, "Von." Such sounds were foregrounded on last year's "BA BA TI KI DI DO" EP, which comprised three relatively minimalistic pieces written for the Merce Cunnningham Dance Company. But if you've heretofore had this much twinkling in your life, you're either a five-year-old ballerina or harbor an unseemly fondness for Frank Mills' 1979 weirdo hit instrumental "Music Box Dancer."

Since emerging internationally at the turn of the decade with "Ágætis Byrjun," Sigur Rós has carved out a niche for itself as purveyor of whisper-to-a-scream soundscapes built around bandleader Jón Thór "Jónsi" Birgisson's bowed guitar, childlike falsetto and mysterious lyrics (Jónsi's words remain particularly obscure to English-speaking audiences because they're either in Icelandic or a homebrewed brand of gibberish).

The result has proved both surprisingly popular and generously open to interpretation. The band's signature song, the sonar-blipping "Svefn-G-Englar," has served as the soundtrack to both the prettiest and most protracted autopsy ever shot for "C.S.I." and the most peculiar tale of unrequited love ever broadcast by "This American Life" (the subjects being, respectively, a suffocated breathplayer-for-hire and a cloned bull).

As Sigur Rós has become more musically adept, its fence-straddling skills have grown. There's a fine line between quasi-classical post-rock and cosmic new age, and SR is right on top of it. "Takk ..." might as well be the work of an outfit named Godspeed You Hearts of Space!

As SR's frontman has gained confidence, he has increasingly provided the dramatic focus for a group that has historically been rather self-effacing. Between the immersive uplift of the music and his own stratospheric cooing, Jónsi's in danger of becoming the Bono of the gnomes.

There's bound to be a huge market for that sort of thing. GLENN DIXON

➜ *Strathmore, 10701 Rockville Pike, Bethesda; with Amina; Sun., 8 p.m.; $40; 301-581-5100. (Grosvenor-Strathmore)*

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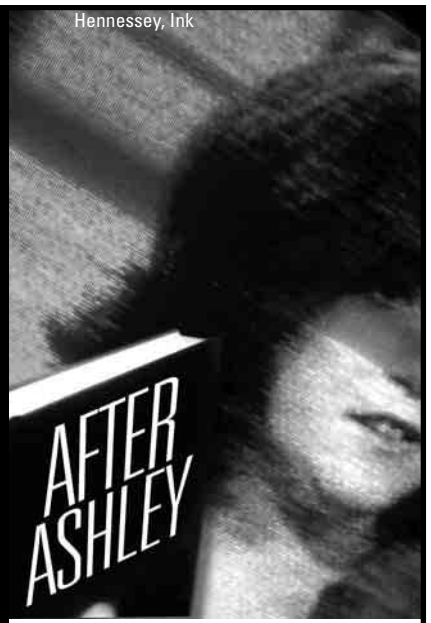

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A punk rocker turns political to help define the Future of Music

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If that seems like odd talk for a punk rocker, Jenny Toomey — of the '90s band Tsunami — has, by her own admission, become a "wonk."

It was a long time coming. Back when Toomey and Tsunami co-frontwoman Kristin Thomson ran the locally based Simple Machines label, one of their most popular products was a pamphlet explaining how indie kids could put out their own records.

Then the technology changed, and 7-inch singles were no longer the cheapest, easiest way to get the music out there; MP3s were. But the Internet opened a Pandora's box of legal and logistical issues that are being debated to this day.

Toomey helped found the FMC, which she now serves as executive director, to ensure that musicians weren't shut out from the decision-making process. "People theorize about what artists need a lot and they talk on their behalf a lot. But it's a much rarer moment when artists get to stand up and say exactly what they need," she explained.

One of the group's projects is an annual conference, the Future of Music Policy Summit, which starts Sunday at Lisner Auditorium. There, artists such as R.E.M.'s Mike Mills and Charles Bissell of the Wrens will sit on panels with managers, lawyers, label bosses, lawmakers, lobbyists, publishers and technologists.

One of the hottest sessions should be Monday afternoon's "Sampling and Shared Art," in which hip-hop journalist Jeff Chang and beat-swiping innovator Hank Shocklee (of Public Enemy's Bomb Squad) discuss the finer points of making someone else's music your own. Directly beforehand is an interview with George Clinton, whose funky rep benefited from his being one of the most heavily sampled artists of the early rap era.

Both consensus-building and conflict are guaranteed. Plus, rare for a Washington gabfest, it'll have a good beat and you can dance to it. GLENN DIXON

CHARLES STECK

JENNY FROM THE BLOCK: The summit will tackle current music-scene issues.

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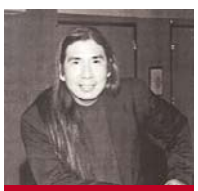

SEPTEMBER 23: LARRY REDHOUSE

FREE PUBLIC PROGRAMS IN SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

6:30 PM: Reggae by **Native Roots**

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17 & 18

NOON & 2 PM: Andean music & dance by **Yarina**

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 (ANNIVERSARY DAY)

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Anniversary Gathering with the **White Oak Singers**

1:30 PM – 1:45 PM: Short documentary, **Welcome Home,** on the museum's grand opening events last September

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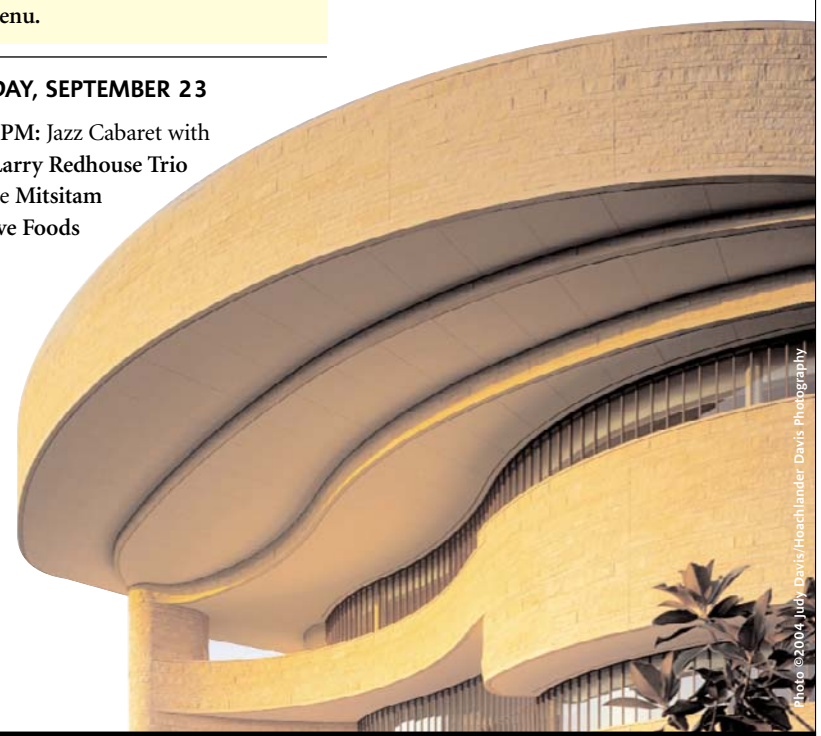
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

6:30 PM: Jazz Cabaret with the **Larry Redhouse Trio** in the **Mitsitam Native Foods Cafe**

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6 PM: Poet and author **Louise Erdrich** (Turtle Mountain Chippewa) will read from her new novel, *The Painted Drum.*

For a complete schedule of 1st Anniversary events, visit www.AmericanIndian.si.edu.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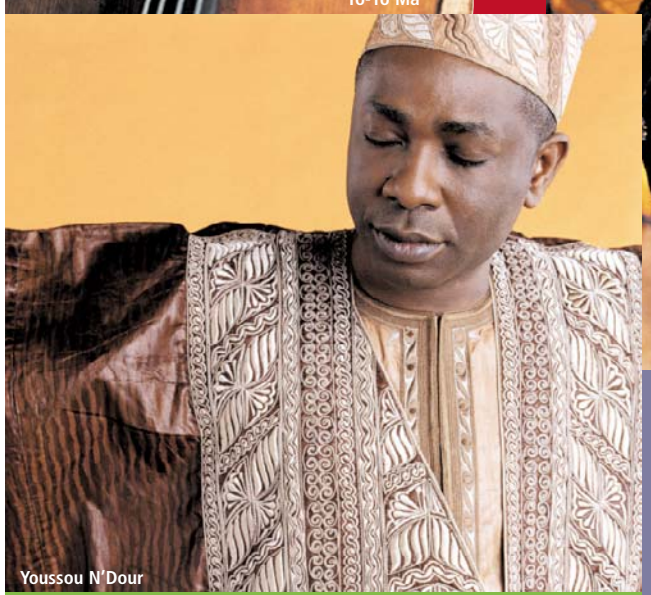
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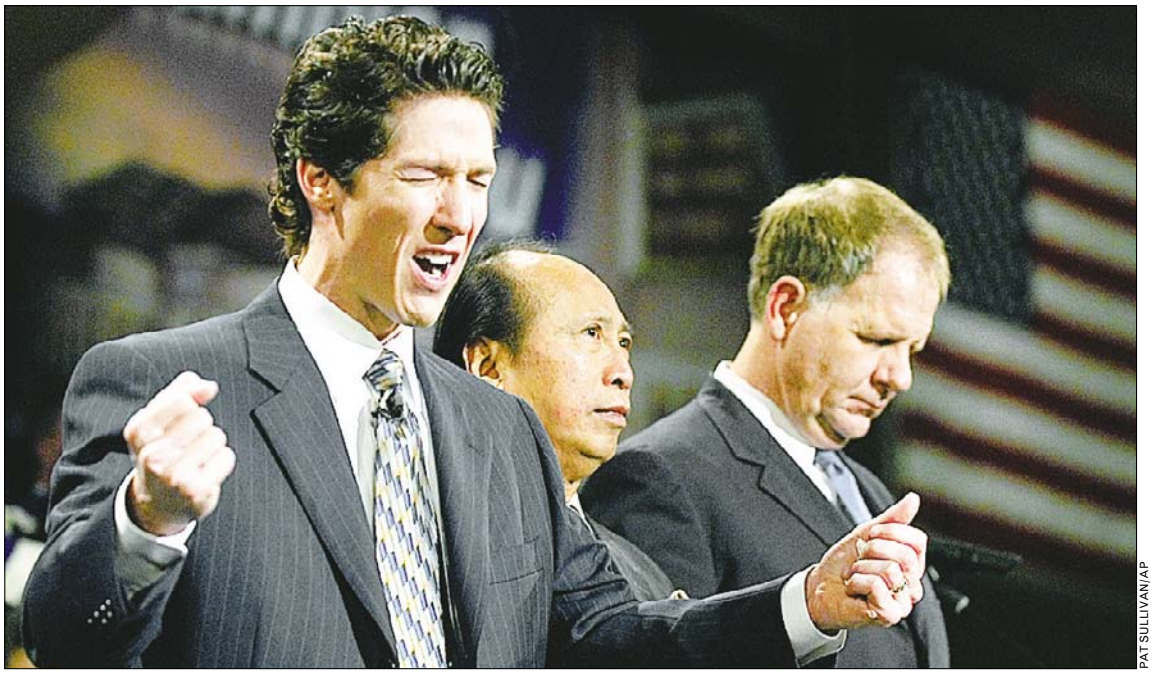

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THE HOUR OF POWERPOINT: Part corporate motivator, part spiritual pastor, rah-rah preacher Joel Osteen is beloved by many.

Pastor Perfect

Joel Osteen wants to motivate sinners

OUT & ABOUT | If this is the new face of televangelism, it sure is pretty.

It belongs to Joel Osteen, head of the 30,000-member Lakewood Church of Houston, who is bringing his message to the MCI Center Friday night in "An Evening With Joel Osteen." The "smiling preacher," a Tony Robbins for the spiritually bereft, has received no theological training and urges followers to find their inner champions instead of lamenting their sins.

And folks are lapping up the opportunity to gain salvation without having to worry about burning in hell. Osteen's megachurch grew so quickly that he bought a basketball arena to accommodate all the ... clients? Worshipers?

There is a downside to being a rich pastor with a beautiful family, a best-selling book ("Your Best Life Now") and lucrative speaking appearances. People tend to think you're not religious enough.

To Osteen's critics, something is missing from his preaching: the G-word. A flock-member could pledge to drink every time he hears Jesus' name during Osteen's sermons and remain completely sober.

Instead, Osteen describes how spirituality can help with mundane problems like time management. (God is the ultimate PalmPilot, apparently.)

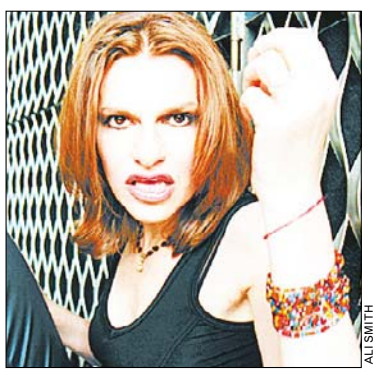
Osteen was heavily criticized this past June, when he said on "Larry King Live" that he wasn't sure Jesus was the only way to heaven.

ERIN TROMPETER

➜ *MCI Center, 601 F St. NW; Fri., 7:30 p.m.; $10; 800-551-7328.*

RoadTrip

WHO: Sandra Bernhard, baby!
WHERE: Rams Head Tavern, 33 West St., Annapolis, Md.
WHEN: Thu., 6:30 & 9:30 p.m.
HOW MUCH: $38.50, 410-268-4545.
WHY: Because this broad is nothing but trouble. In her eclectic stage act, on her comedy albums and in her very presence as a pansexual provocateur, Bernhard tells nasty truths filtered through her dry, amused point of view. Scabrous, ribald, dishy, arch and utterly in tune with the pop culture she eviscerates in her stand-up (even while being part of it), Bernhard is a one-of-a-kind performer — a bitchy diva with a heart of gold. She tends to sprinkle her comedy with commentary and musical asides, and it's hard to know how seriously to take her not-so-bad warbling — is she showing off or sending up? The beauty of La Bernhard is you may never know.



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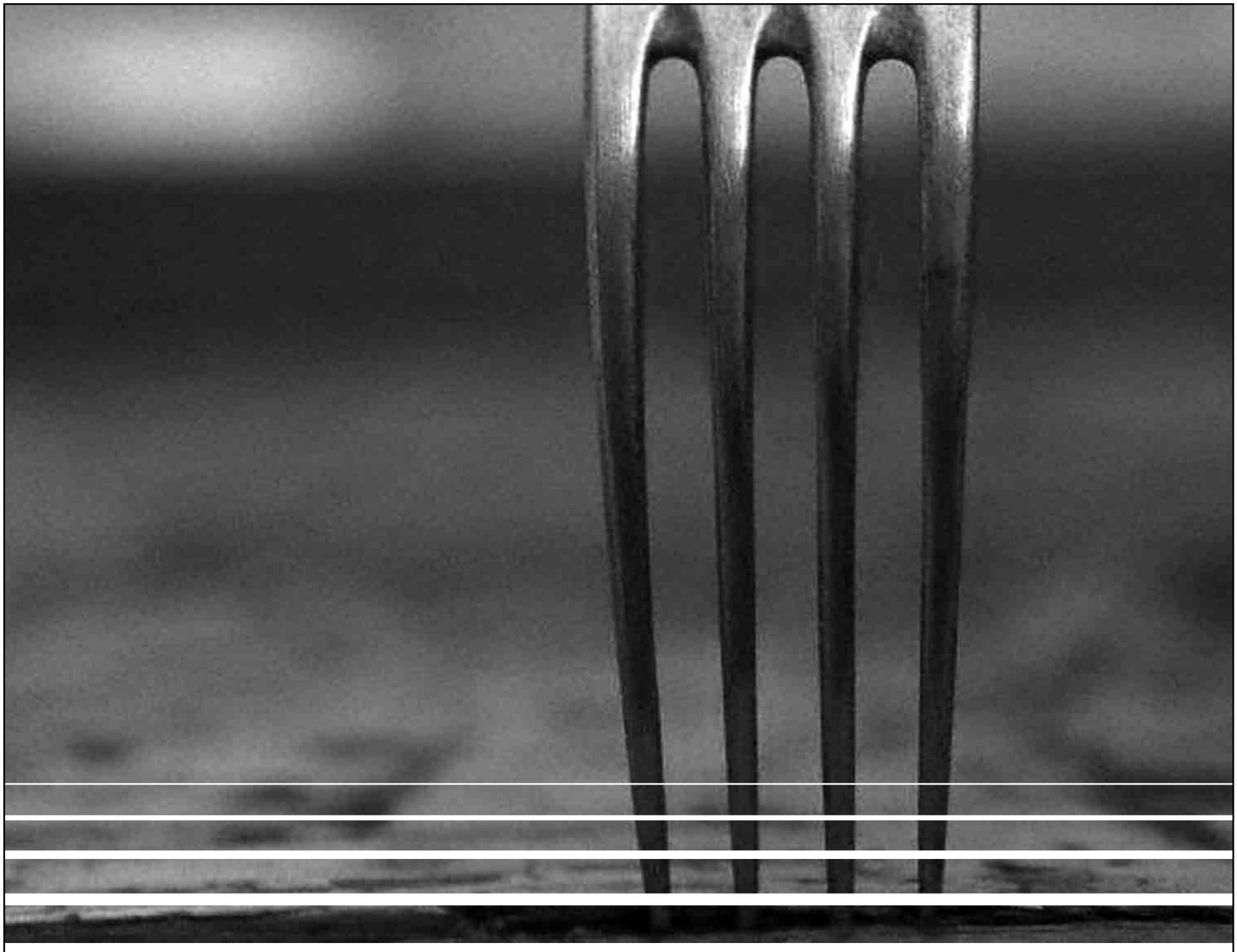

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WILLIAM ANTHONY

DON'T EVER CHANGE: The New Jersey band decided against prancing around in leather pants, even for a million bucks.

Sticking It To the Man

Musical integrity, thy name is the Wrens

MUSIC | Creed or cred? When the Wrens' record label was bought out in 1996, they were offered a Faustian bargain. The hardworking New Jersey pop band could polish their sound, get leather pants, and make post-grunge arena rock — like labelmates Creed. (Goodbye intimate shows at the Black Cat.)

Or, the Wrens could retreat to their day jobs and home studio, with no label support, to do as they wished. For as long as they wished. Like, say, seven years between albums.

Oh, did we mention the million dollar contract offer?

Originally signed to Grass Records, the Wrens released two well-received indie-pop records. "Silver," their 1994 debut, blended the lushness of My Bloody Valentine with quirky home-grown sensibilities. As the band came into their own distinctive sound with 1996's "Secaucus," the critical praise piled up. Then music industry player Alan Meltzer bought Grass. Like Queer Eye for the Indie Guy, Meltzer dangled seven figures for a Wrens makeover.

True to their roots, the band chose jeans and T-shirts over pleather and lace. And the years ticked by. While Creed recorded in the Bahamas, the Wrens recorded in a home studio. By 2002, the band had a new label, Absolutely Kosher. And a new album, "Meadowlands." And a slot on nearly every critic's year-end top 10 list.

Meanwhile, Creed sucked in the name of Jesus, got rich and broke up. Someone famous (hint: not Creed) once asked, What does it profit a man to gain the world if he loses his soul? The Wrens can answer that. BOB MASSEY

➜ *Black Cat, 1811 14th St. NW; Fri., 9:30 p.m., $12; 800-551-7328. (U St.-Cardozo)*

TRUNER CLASSIC MOVIES

French sex kitten Simone Simon starred in Val Lewton's "Cat People."

Real & Unreal Horror

LECTURE | Val Lewton, Russian-born head of the "horror unit" at RKO Studios in the 1940s, was the creative mind behind some of the most resonant shock-horror films ever made, including "Cat People" and "I Walked With a Zombie."

Now, art-history and American-studies professor Alexander Nemerov discusses his latest book, "Icons of Grief: Val Lewton's Home Front Pictures" with a lecture titled "This Pretty World: Val Lewton and the End of World War II."

Nemerov contends that the melancholy beauty of the producer's films was informed by the impact of the war in Europe and America. A book signing follows the discussion. ARION BERGER (EXPRESS)

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Samuel L. Jackson sends up his image in the comedy 'The Man'

BUDDIES | Samuel L. Jackson is known as the hardest-working actor in Hollywood and the King of Cool.

The versatile performer was part of the newest "Star Wars" trilogy as well as the "Kill Bill" franchise. He also starred in the two "XXX" actioners, not to mention hits like "Shaft," "Jackie Brown" and "Coming to America." Jackson was also part of last year's phenomenally successful animated feature "The Incredibles."

He recently wrapped "Freedomland," playing a man falsely accused of kidnapping, as well as "Snakes on a Plane," a suspense thriller in which he plays an FBI agent contending with deadly reptiles at 30,000 feet.

In his newest movie release, the buddy comedy "The Man," co-starring Eugene Levy, Jackson gamely spoofs his tough-guy image.

As Derrick Vann, he is a streetwise Detroit undercover agent investigating the murder of his partner. Enter Andy Fiddler (Levy), an affable Midwestern dental-supply salesman who's mistaken for an arms buyer; he becomes the undercover agent's unwilling partner. Together, this unlikely duo embarks on a wild wide along Detroit's mean streets to collar the criminals.

"I approach comedy the same way I approach drama," he explained. "You read the script and try to be as honest as you possibly can in the moments that you're in and try to let it happen and try not to impose things on it where you think every moment is supposed to be funny. It's not."

Jackson calls "The Man" a classic buddy action comedy in the vein of "Midnight Run," the 1988 classic that paired tough-guy Robert De Niro with Charles Grodin.

Levy, with his signature bushy eyebrows and glasses, said he loved making the film "because I'm the only guy in the history of the movies who has slapped Sam Jackson in the face and lived to tell about it." ANGELA DAWSON (VNU ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)

NEW LINE PRODUCTIONS

ACCIDENTAL AGENT: Eugene Levy is the nebbish, Jackson the hard-nosed FBI guy in the buddy-cop spoof "The Man."

Take 10

THE WASHINGTON POST'S FILM CRITICS TACKLE THIS WEEK'S BOX-OFFICE TOP 10

1 Transporter 2

The plot of this fighting, driving and shooting actioner is stupid and obvious. But lead Jason Statham, mesmerizing, dominating, fascinating. STEPHEN HUNTER

2 The 40-Year-Old Virgin

The film belongs to that genre that traffics in narcissistic self-loathing: Men behave badly, comment self-consciously about how bad their behavior is and continue to behave badly. ANN HORNADAY

3 The Constant Gardener

Fernando Meirelles has turned John Le Carre's novel into something lean, swift, disturbing and powerful. STEPHEN HUNTER

4 Red Eye

Fast, furious and tightly focused, it has the attributes of taut '50s thrillers and such intensity that you don't notice its absurdities until later. STEPHEN HUNTER

5 The Brothers Grimm

Every nook and cranny is filled; everything is studiously characterized, the whole thing thrumming with life. It looks terrific, yet it remains essentially inert. STEPHEN HUNTER

6 Four Brothers

This urban revenge melodrama is loud, stupid, unrealistic, overdone, without a thought in its ugly little head and kind of enjoyable. STEPHEN HUNTER

7 The Wedding Crashers

This film earns a pure, hard R for Raunch and aRrested development, to say nothing of Ruthlessness and iRresponsibility. STEPHEN HUNTER

8 March of the Penguins

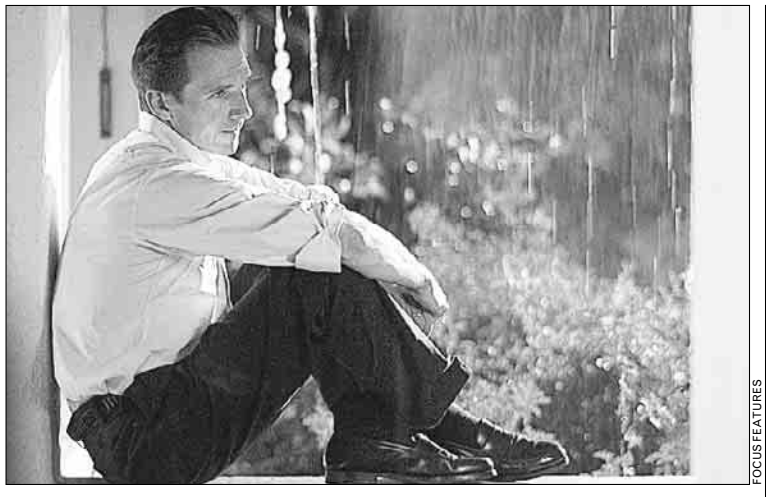
Following a clan of charismatic and stylish emperor penguins on a perilous journey, the filmmaker has made an absorbing, visually spectacular film. ANN HORNADAY

9 The Skeleton Key

A bayou thriller with a swampy, soulful authenticity and some surprisingly good performances. ANN HORNADAY

10 The Cave

The thriller about scientists/bounty hunters/whozises who stumble upon nastiness in a hidden cave isn't just a bad movie, it's a very, very, very bad movie. TERESA WILTZ



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BETRAYAL: Ralph Feinnes stars in the adaptation of "The Constant Gardener."

Indies & Arties

'Machuca'

A poignant coming-of-age story set against the backdrop of Chile's 1973 military coup, Andrews Wood's 2004 film will screen on Sunday; a discussion follows. Avalon Theatre, 5612 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-966-6000.

At E Street Cinema

Three much-anticipated films hit E Street this Friday. John Leguizamos takes a serious role as a reporter on the trail of a serial killer in a small Ecuadoran town in the drama "Cronicas." Then, "Saraband," Ingmar Bergman's post-script to "Scenes From a Marriage" *finally* opens in D.C. Louis Malle's 1958 noir thriller "Elevator to the Gallows" gets a fresh airing. *The above films are at AFI Silver, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720.*

At Landmark Bethesda Row

Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman and Jennifer Lopez (!) star in "An Unfinished Life," a modern-day Western directed by Lasse Hallstrom. But the best news of the week is that Wong Kar Wai's exquisite ultra-stylized romance, "2046," starring Maggie Cheung, Tony Leung Chiu Wai and Gong Li, opens. It's a sequel of sorts to Wong's 2000 "In the Mood for Love." *Landmark Bethesda Row, 7235 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-652-7273.*

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MIRROR, MIRROR: Zhang Ziyi understandably feels pretty in "2046."

Dutch Visions

Two films from the Dutch auteur Jos de Putter come to the National Gallery this weekend. On Saturday it's "The Making of a New Empire," about Chechen bandit-warrior Khozh-Ahmed Noukhaev and the struggle of the Chechnyan people. On Sunday, NGA screens "Alias Kurban Saïd," a literary quest and historical whodunit. *National Gallery of Art, 4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215.*

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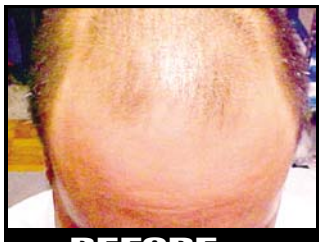
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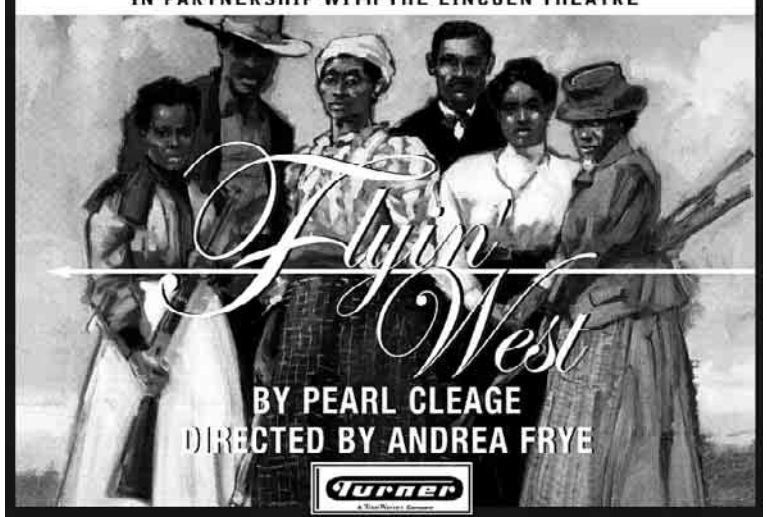

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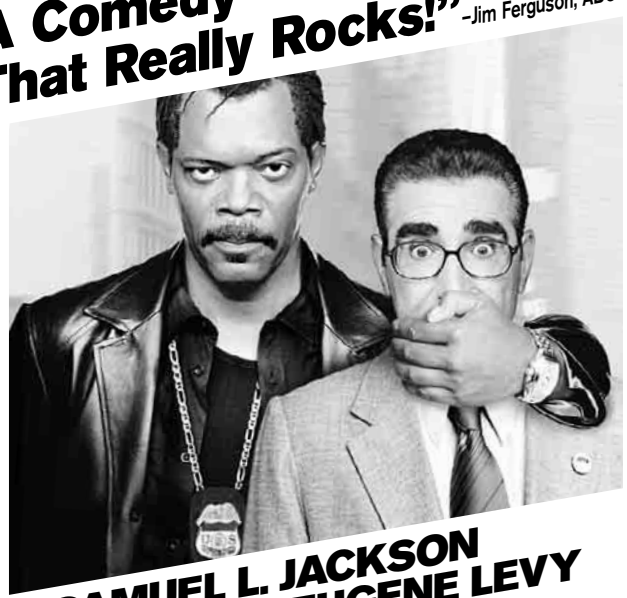
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KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

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A number of Washington-area restaurants and bars are lending a hand to the relief effort. New Orleans Bistro is sending all of its September profits to the hurricane-ravaged region. On Monday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a number of chefs will gather at the soon-to-be-opened Acadiana restaurant on Mount Vernon Square to make carry-out po' boys for a $25 donation. All proceeds go to the Louisiana Disaster Recovery Foundation. A complete listing of Katrina-related fundraisers is at blogs.washingtonpost.com/going_out_gurus/2005/09/katrina_reli

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Oh, Junior, you shouldn't have. Sushi scores big points on Mother's Day.

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➜ *New Orleans Bistro, 4907 Cordell Ave., Bethesda; 301-986-8833. (Bethesda)*

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Summer is over, but you can still jet off to Spain, culinarily speaking, with L'Enfant Plaza Hotel's Flavors of Valencia celebration. From Sept. 15 through Sept. 21, the hotel's signature restaurant, the American Sea Grill, will host three Valencian guest chefs. The menu at the restaurant will change daily during the festival.

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I think Amsterdam Falafel in Adams Morgan does a good job with the snack.
➜ *2425 18th St. NW; 202-234-1969. (Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan)*

I need to impress a client with a nice lunch in the next month. I have been told that it would be great if we could find a nice, not too expensive lunch spot with a good vegetarian menu in the Dupont Circle area. Any ideas?
Try the handsome Bombay Club on Connecticut Avenue, which has some nice meatless options on its menu. And the Tabard Inn on N Street in Dupont Circle tends to have a vegetarian dish or two on its list, too.
➜ *Bombay Club, 815 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-659-3727. (Farragut North/ Farragut West)*
➜ *Tabard Inn, 1739 N St. NW; 202-833-2668. (Dupont Circle)*

Have you tried the newish Pietanza yet? I was there this weekend and we were favorably impressed with the thin crust pizza (the four cheese with gorgonzola is especially good) and the salads. The place is very kid friendly as well — our party included two toddlers under two. Just wondering what your opinion of the place is?
I like it most for its pies and agree that it's kid-friendly. Too bad they made it look like a chain restaurant, though! The room is very "plasticky."
➜ *2503-B N. Harrison St., Arlington; 703-237-0200.*

I have recently discovered Mojitos. Any suggestions for where I can get a great one in the 'burbs? How about a great pitcher of sangria?
Try the mojitos at Oyamel in Crystal City; for sangria, go to Jaleo in Bethesda.
➜ *Oyamel, 2250 Crystal Drive, Arlington; 703-413-2288. (Crystal City)*
➜ *Jaleo, 7271 Woodmont Ave., Bethesda; 301-913-0003. (Bethesda)*

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Portrait of a Lady

RANDEE ST. NICHOLAS

A FITTING TRIBUTE: Nnenna Freelon's soulful voice and sensitive feel for jazz help her interpret the emotions — but not the sound — of Lady Day's ouevre.

Nnenna Freelon puts Billie Holiday's sensibility into song

FESTIVAL | What's the best way to honor a legend as singular as Billie Holiday? Give respect but don't bite the style.

Nnenna Freelon took that in heavy consideration when she conceived her enthralling new disc, "Blueprint of a Lady: Sketches of Billie Holiday." So when she performs this Saturday at the Rosslyn Jazz Festival, don't expect her to play up a femme-fatale shtick.

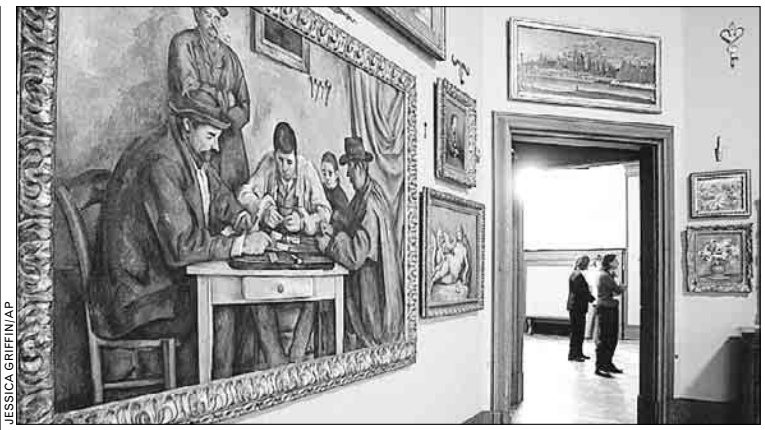
"Billie did not like imitators," Freelon said. "And there were plenty trying to sound and look like her, throwing gardenias up in their hair. She wasn't feeling it."

Instead of style-biting, Freelon channels Billie's sense of individualism and underscores classics such as "I Didn't Know What Time It Was" and "Willow Weep for Me" with funky grooves steeped in the Now.

Of course, it helps that Freelon sounds nothing like Holiday. Her full-bodied voice recalls Sarah Vaughan's sass more than Holiday's nasally soprano. Nevertheless, Freelon deftly captures Holiday's bewitching sexiness on many of the ballads. And on favorites such as "God Bless the Child" and "Strange Fruit," her modern arrangements contemporize Holiday's world-weary perspective on black American life.

Scheduled to tour the United States later this fall is "Blueprint to a Lady: The Once and Future Life of Billie Holiday," an interdisciplinary, multi-media extravaganza involving music, film and dance. "It's not musical theater or 'Lady Day at some Bar & Grill' with me portraying Billie. It will be a true tribute," assured Freelon. JOHN MURPH

➜ *The 15th Annual Rosslyn Jazz Festival, Gateway Park, 1300 Lee Highway Park, Arlington; Sat., 1-7 p.m., free; 703-228-1850.*



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➜THURSDAY

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Black Cat: Alcian Blue, The Fake Accents, A Cricket in Times Square, 9 p.m., $6.
Blues Alley: Tribute to Keter Betts, 8 & 10 p.m., $20.
Improv: Gabriel Iglesias, 8:30 p.m., $15.$
Iota Club & Café: Angie Aparo and the Infidels, Plumb, 9 p.m., $13.
Jammin' Java: Ron Sexsmith & Don Kerr, Ana Egge, 8 p.m., $12.
Nation: Alchemy, Alias 9 p.m., $10-$15.
9:30 Club: ABC and the English Beat, 7:30 p.m., $25.
Pearl: Katrina Relief Challenge and Fundraiser, 6 p.m., $15-$20.
Recher Theatre: Shadows Fall, The Haunted, Bury Your Dead, Gizmachi, 7 p.m., $15.
State Theater: Badfish, 33 West, Ballistiks, 7 p.m., $15
Velvet Lounge: The Cherry Valence, The Unit Breed, 10 p.m., $6.
Warehouse Next Door: Fight Amputation, 8:30 p.m., $7.
Whitlow's on Wilson: William Walter Band, 9:30 p.m., $5.

➜ FRIDAY

Birchmere Music Hall: Walter Beasley, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.
Black Cat: (Mainstage) The Wrens, The Nein, Andy Zipf, 9:30 p.m., $12; (Backstage) Black Catatonia, 10 p.m., $5.
Blues Alley: Jazz Goes to Church (feat. Kevin Mahogany, Cyrus Chestnut, Kendrick Oliver & the New Life Orchestra), 8 & 10 p.m., $35.
Club Amazon: Rare Essence, 10 p.m., $10.
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Improv: Gabriel Iglesias, 8 & 10:30 p.m., $17.
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TheScene

Jaxx: Twist of Faite, Re-Aligned, Darkness Descending, The Impossibles, 7 p.m., $10.
Nation: Dunn & Don Vito's Rock Night featuring the cast of Viva La Bam, Open Hand, Fight Paris, Gold Mind Squad, 6 p.m., $18.
9:30 Club: Last Train Home, the Hackensaw Boys, 9 p.m., $15.
Pearl: Fridays at Pearl w/ DJ Theresa, 10 p.m., $10-$20.
Platinum: Plush Fridays, 9 p.m., $10-$15.
Republic Gardens: Urban Nites, 6 p.m., free before 10 p.m.
Recher Theatre: Jimmie's Chicken Shack, The Hint, Taken, 8 p.m., $12.
State Theatre: The Legwarmers, 7 p.m., $12.
Velvet Lounge: The Ruse, Butros Butros, Scott Birham, 10 p.m., $8.
Warehouse Next Door: The Wayward, The Dream Is Dead, Wetnurse, The Expanded Form, 9 p.m., $5-$9.
Whitlow's on Wilson: Kelly Bell Band, 9:30 p.m., $5.
Zanzibar: "An International Affair," 7 p.m., $15.

➜ SATURDAY

Apex: "Liquid Ladies," 9 p.m., $8.
Birchmere Music Hall: Walter Beasley, 7:30 p.m., $29.50.
Black Cat: (Mainstage) "Mousetrap" (Britpop), 9:30 p.m., $8; (Backstage) "Bluestate" (eclectic), 9:30 p.m., free.
Blues Alley: Blues Alley: Jazz Goes to Church (featuring Kevin Mahogany, Cyrus Chestnut, Kendrick Oliver & the New Life Orchestra), 8 & 10 p.m., midnight, $35.
Club Amazon: Lissen Band, After Hours Band, 11 p.m., $10.
DC9: Gist, Rezin, Caverns, 9:30 p.m., $8.
Fur: Four rooms featuring trance, house, Top 40, retro, etc., 10 p.m., $20.
Galaxy Hut: Little Pink, Maple, 9:45 p.m., free.
Improv: Gabriel Iglesias, 8 & 10:30 p.m., $17.
Iota Club & Café: Jon Langford and others perform the Executioner's Last Songs, 9:30 p.m., $12.
Jammin' Java: Face the Fish, 9:30 p.m., $15
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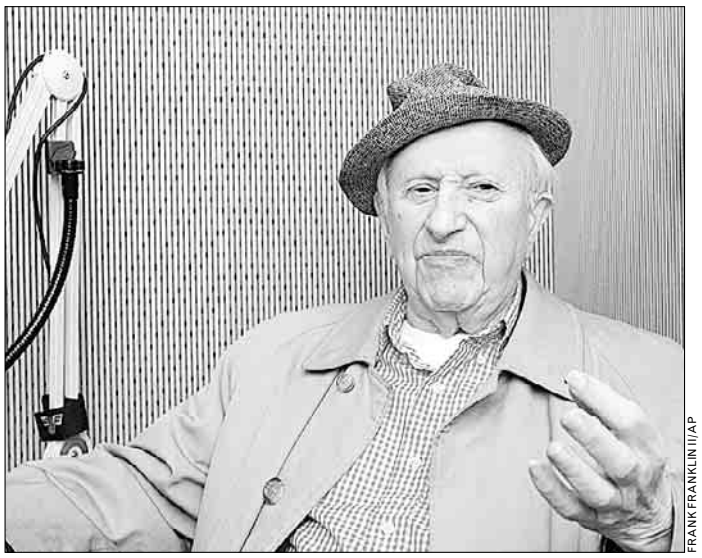
Kennedy Center Open House: Free festivities, 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.
Nation: Velvet Nation with DJ Manny Lehman, 10 p.m., $10-$15.
Pearl: Mike Walker Birthday Bash, 9 p.m., $10-$20.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American History

➜ **POLITICS & PROSE**, fittingly enough, pays tribute to the American who is a master of both forms — broadcaster, storyteller and oral historian Studs Terkel. Terkel is not able to travel and couldn't appear in person at this celebration of his work and in particular, his latest work, "And They All Sang: Adventures of an Electric Disk Jockey." But XM Satellite radio's Bob Edwards interviewed the writer in his home and will host this event and play the recording. Politics & PRose, 5105 Connecticut Ave. NW; Thu., 7 p.m., free; 202-364-1919. (Van Ness-UDC)

Friday in

The Washington Post | *Weekend Section*

Too Much Fun:

There's a lot happening around town. Let the Weekend section sort out the festivals and events. | *Cover*

➜ Also, Vermillion; a chat with Laura Linney; kayaking in Annapolis; reviews of new movies.

Platinum: Beautiful Saturdays with DJ Gemini, 9 p.m., $10-$15.
Recher Theatre: Badfish, The Big Hurt, Duburbia, Dub Nysus, 7 p.m., $12
Republic Gardens: Remedy Saturdays, 10:30 p.m., free before 11 p.m., $20 after.
State Theater: Michael Tolcher, As Fast As, 7 p.m., $10
Warehouse Next Door: The Pussy Whisperers, Opening Flower Happy Bird, Raha Majd, Teedo, 9 p.m., $5-$9.
Whitlow's on Wilson: Radio Mosaic, 9:30 p.m., $5.
Zanzibar: "Hip Hop and Top 40's," 9 p.m., $15.

➜ SUNDAY

Birchmere Music Hall: Feist, the Sketches, 7:30 p.m., $17.50
Black Cat: Idlewild, Inara George, 8:30, p.m., $13
Blues Alley: Blues Alley: Jazz Goes to Church (feat. Kevin Mahogany, Cyrus Chestnut, Kendrick Oliver & the New Life Orchestra), 8 & 10 p.m., midnight $35.
DC9: Hypofixx, Interrogation, 9:30 p.m., $10.
Galaxy Hut: Bravo Silva, the Gaskets, 9:45 p.m., free.
Improv: Gabriel Iglesias,, 8:30 p.m., $15.
Iota Club & Café: Bloodkin, the Great Lake Swimmers, 8:30, $10

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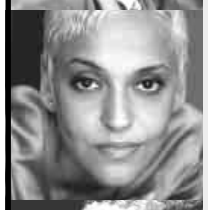

THU Oct 6, 2005, 8pm
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WED Oct 19, 2005, 8pm
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FRI Apr 7, 2006, 8pm
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Jammin' Java: Melissa Ferrick, Natalia Zuckerman, 8 p.m., $20.

Jaxx: Big Dume, Papa Shake, Baba G'nush, The Pussy Whisperers. 6 pm, $12

9:30 Club: DJ Z-Trip, Black Sheep, DJ Golden Chyld, 7 p.m., $15.

Platinum: Platinum Sundays, 9 p.m., $10-$15.

Recher Theatre: My Broken Promise, Defy Moira, The Tangerines, Terra Naomi, 6 p.m., $5.

Velvet Lounge: Softcore, Drums vs Jules, Sex Slaves, 9:30 p.m., $6.

Warehouse Next Door: Alina Simone, Carol Bui, 8:30 p.m., $5-$9.

Zanzibar: Freddie McGregor, 7 p.m., $15.

Sight

American University: "Soft Openings," inaugural show, 22 artists, through Sept. 17. Katzen Arts Center, 4400 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Anacostia Museum: "Walls of Heritage, Walls of Pride: African American Murals," through Oct. 16. "Forgotten Roots: African American Muslims in Early America," Installation art by DeWayne Barton, through Oct. 16. 1901 Fort Place SE; 202-688-4820.

LAST CHANCE Anne C. Fisher Gallery: "Beyond Synergy," through Sept. 8. "PostSecret," people from around the world share secrets anonymously, ongoing. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-625-7555.

Conner Contemporary Art: "Mary Coble: Note to Self," tattoo project in honor of murdered GLBT hate-crime victims, through Oct. 22. "Homo Bulla" (Man Is a Bubble), digitally manipulated contemporary photos, Sept. 9 through Oct. 22. 1730 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-588-8750.

LAST CHANCE Corcoran Gallery of Art: "Current Evince: Selected Prints by William T. Wiley," from the Smithsonian American Art Museum, drawings from the whimsical California artist, through Sept 12. "Loop," Jennifer Steinmkamp's colorful computer-animated video installations, through Sept. 30. Antoine Louis Barye Bronzes, through Oct. 23. "Encour

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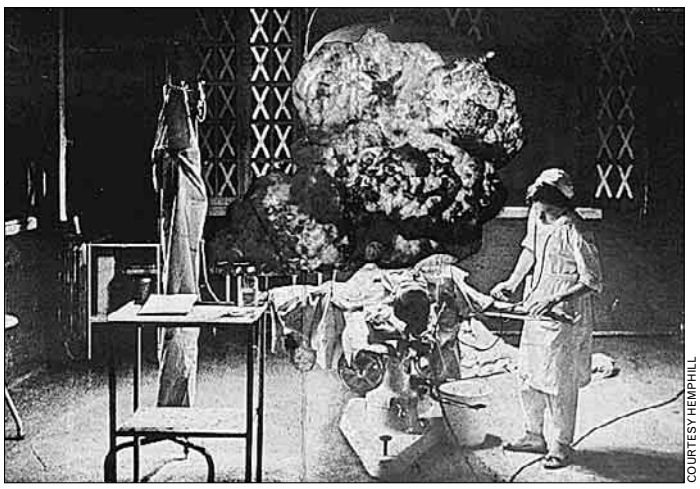
GALLERIES | BLOW UP



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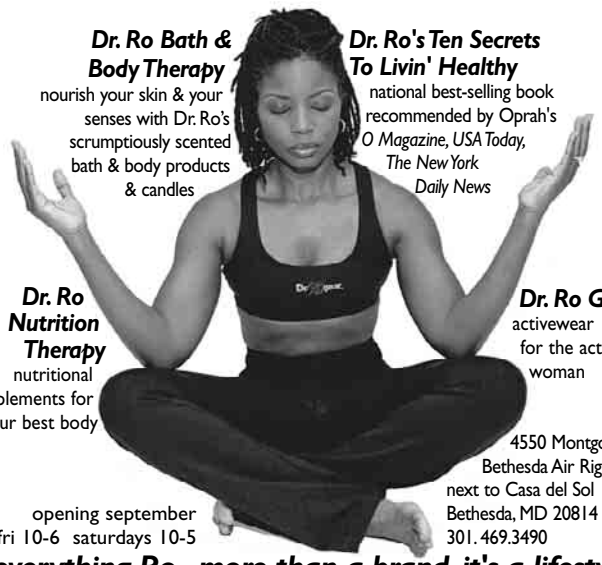

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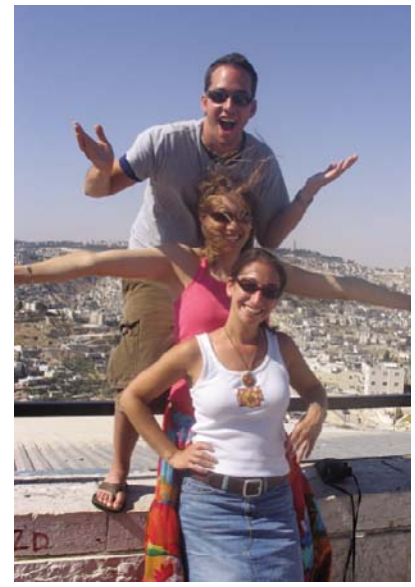

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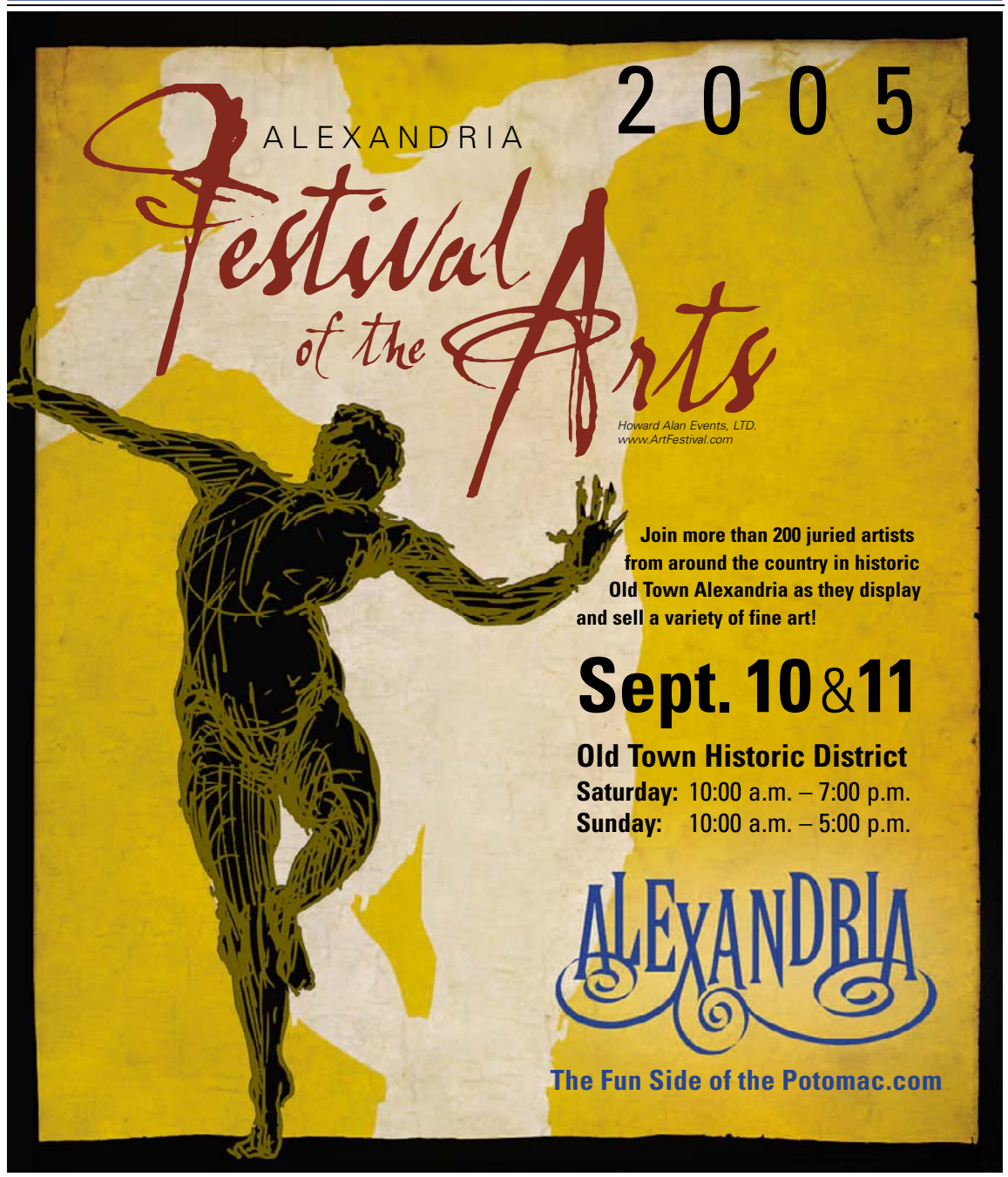

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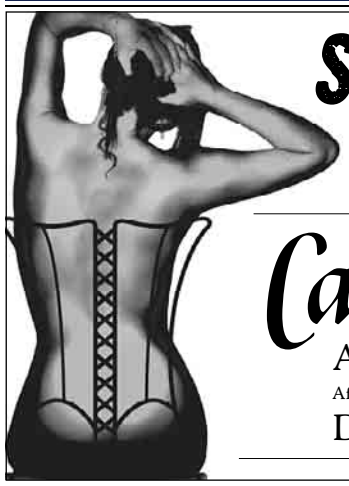

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Creative Partners Gallery: "The Trawick Prize," Bethesda Contemporary Art Awards and Exhibit. Juried competition, through Sept. 30. 4600 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Md; 301-951-9441

LAST CHANCE Ellipse Arts Center: "Mobilivre-Bookmobile," vintage trailer carries artist-designed books, zines, etc. around Arlington. This weekend only. 4350 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, 703-228-7710.

Flashpoint: Seth Adelsberger: Iconographic Sampler. Energetic acrylic paintings from the Baltimore artists, through Oct. 22. 916 G St.; 202-315-1310.

Fraser Gallery Bethesda: "Michael Spouse: Chapeau," opening reception for artist Sept. 9, 6-9 p.m., through Oct. 12. 7700 Wisconsin Avenue, Suite E, Bethesda; 301-718-9651

LAST CHANCE Fraser Gallery Georgetown: Photos of public art and installation by Mark Jenkins, through Sept. 14. 1054 31st St. NW; 202-298-6450.

LAST CHANCE Freer Gallery of Art/ Arthur M. Sackler Gallery: Caravan Kingdoms: Yemen and the Ancient Incense Trade," through Sept. 10. "Pretty Women: Freer and the Ideal of Feminine Beauty," through Sept. 17. "Chinese Mountain of Immortality, through Sept. 25. Rusticity Refined: Kyoto Ceramics by Ninsei," through Oct. 23. "Games, Contests and Artful Play in Japan," through Oct. 23. Gold, the Asian Touch. The meanings and uses of gold in Asian cultures, Sept. 10-Feb. 19. "Perspectives: Mei Ling Hom," a site-specific installation, through March 5. Jefferson Drive & 12th Street SW; 202-633-4880.

FuseBox D.C.: Kendall Buster: Model City, a sculptural, lightweight installation from a sculptor fascinated by science, Sept. 10-Oct. 22. 1412 14th St. NW; 202-299-9220.

Gateway's Heliport Gallery: "Telling Their Stories," opens Sept. 9. 8001 Kennett St., Suite 3, Silver Spring; 301-562-1400.

Goethe-Institute: "Oskar Fischinger: Motion Paintings," the German-born pioneer of abstract animation, through Oct. 26. 812 7th St. NW; 202-289-1200.

Hemphill Fine Arts: Renee Stout's "Fragments of a Secret Life," Sept. 10-Oct. 29. Joseph Mills' "Anarch Angel," Sept. 10-Oct. 29. 1515 14th St. NW; 202-234-5601.

Hillwood Museum: "Eva Zeisel: The Playful Search for Beauty," the remarkably durable potter and designer's charming objects, through Dec. 4. 1227 34th St. NW; 202-686-5807.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden: LAST CHANCE "Visual Music," 40 artists, an array of media, through Sept. 11. Directions — Janet Cardiff: "Words Drawn in Water." An audio-guided walking tour of the Mall, through Oct. 30. Directions — Jim Hodges, through April 1. 7th Street & Independence Avenue. SW; 202-633-1000.

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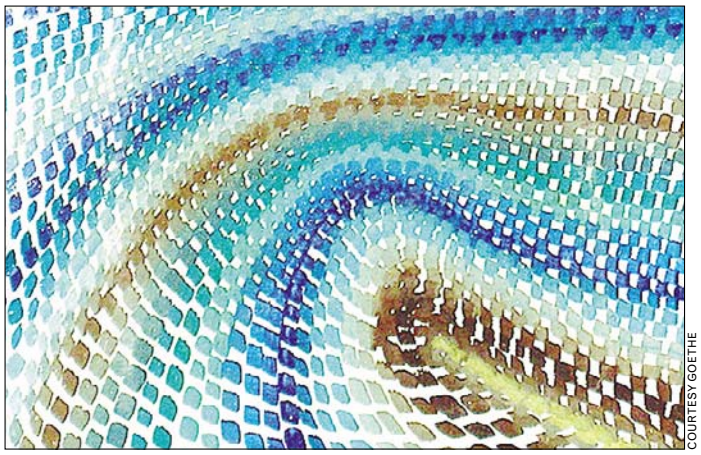

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International Visions: "In Silence," silent auction and exhibit of new works by various artists. Artist reception Sept. 10. Auction through Oct. 1. 629 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-234-5112.

Irvine Contemporary: Nicholas Kahn and Richard Selesnick's "The Apollo Prophecies," Edwardian sci-fi. Sept. 9-Oct. 22. Reception Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m. 1710 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-8767.

Kathleen Ewing Gallery: "Athlete/Warrior" photos of men and women at military academies, Sept. 9-Oct. 29. Opening reception and booksigning Sept. 9, 6-8 p.m. 1609 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-328-0955.

National Air and Space Museum: "World War II Aviation," "Golden Age of Flight," "Beyond the Limits," many more. 4th Street & Independence Avenue. SW; 202-357-2700.

National Building Museum: Jewish Washington: Scrapbook of an American Community, through Jan. 8. "Tools of the Imagination," architects' and designers' tools through the centuries, through Oct. 10. "Investigating Where We Live," exploring three District neighborhoods, through Oct. 10. Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete, through Jan. 29. 401 F St. NW; 202-272-2448.

National Gallery of Art: Origins of European Printmaking: 15th-Century Woodcuts and Their Public, through Nov. 27. The Prints of Felix Buhot: Impressions of City and Sea, through Feb. 20. Irving Penn: Platinum Prints, sumptuous photographs by the American master, through Oct. 2. Winslow Homer, through Feb. 20. Asher B. Durand's "Kindred Spirits," through Feb. 28. 600 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-737-4215.

National Geographic Society: "Africa Megaflyover," aerial photos and more from a recent trip by biologist J. Michael Fay. through Oct. 30. 17th & M streets NW; 202-857-7588.

National Museum of African Art:

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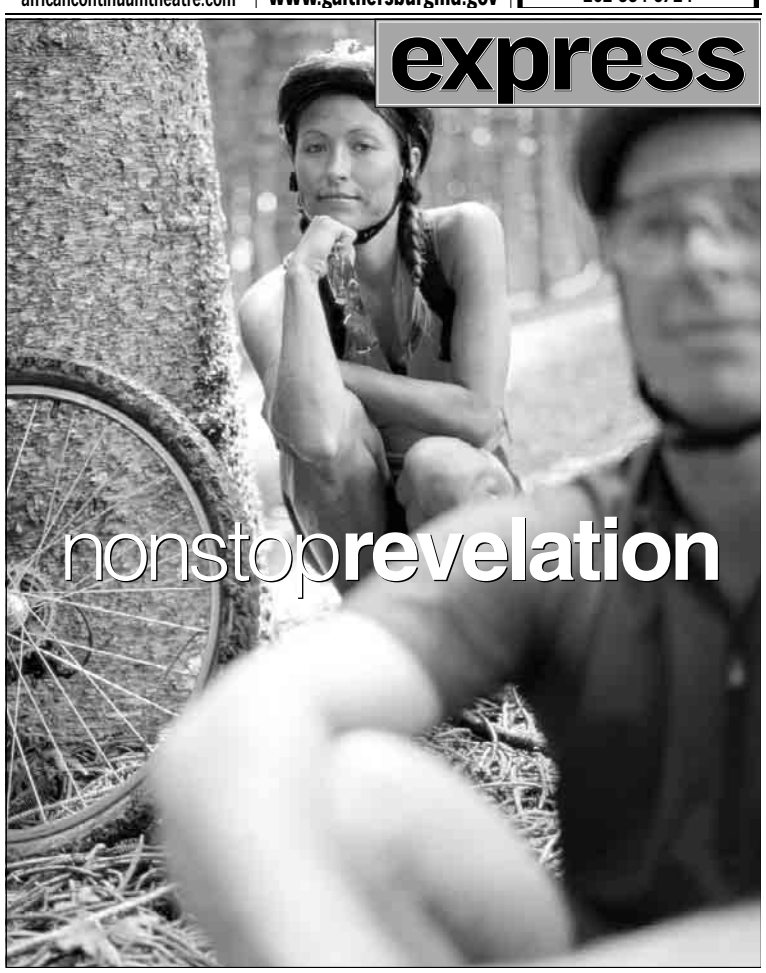

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National Museum of American History: Bon Appetit! Julia Child's Kitchen at the Smithsonian, transplanted from the master chef's Boston home, ongoing. Disneyland: The First 50 Years, through Sept. 5. Smithsonian Magazine: Through Our Readers' Eyes, through Sept. 5. Selma to Montgomery: The 40th Anniversary of the Voting Rights March, through Sept. 27. Chasing Venus: Observing the Transits of Venus, 1631-2004, through Sept. 30. Azucar! The Life and Music of Celia Cruz, through Oct. 30. 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-633-1000.

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National Museum of Women in the Arts: "Women & Blues," featuring artist Amalia Amaki's "Buttons, Bows & Blues" and an exhibit on women in blues and jazz, through Sept. 25. Steven Scott's Collection, through Sept. 25. M.L. Van Nice: The Library at Wadi Ben Dagh, an installtion of a bibliophile's imaginary library, through Nov. 6. 1250 New York Ave. NW; 202-783-5000.

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NUMBER ONE SON. OR NOT: Ever feel as if you're just a number? Michael knows *just* how you feel. He's the son of Salter, with whom he chats for 50 minutes while the real horror at the core of their family dynamic slowly comes out. Studio Theatre presents Joy Zinoman's staging of Caryl Churchill's riveting problematic play, "A Number."

TheScene

Continued from E29

in Society Play, a national juried exhibition examining gender, religious and racial roles, through Oct. 16. 105 N. Union St., Alexandria; 703-838-4564.

Transformer Gallery: Jason Zimmerman: Fair Game, large-scale video projection by D.C.-based artist, Sept. 10-Oct. 15, opening reception Sat., 7-9 p.m. 1404 P St. NW; 202-483-1102.

United States Botanic Garden: Pots: From Necessity to Artistry, through Oct. 17. A Place to Take Root: The History of Flowerpots & Garden Containers in North America, through Oct. 17. 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333.

Warehouse Theater: Where Is the Peace?, through Oct. 2. 1021 7th St. NW; 202-783-3933.

Washington Printmakers Gallery: "Interior Alternatives," works by Carolyn Pomponio, through Oct. 2. 1732 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-332-7757.

Zenith Gallery: "Food, Glorious Food," a charity exhibition featuring numerous artists, through Sept. 30. 413 7th St. NW; 202-783-2963.

Stage

A Number: In Caryl Churchill's thoroughly modern new play, father and son come to terms with the technology of family, through Oct. 16, $32-52. Studio Theatre, 1501 14th St. NW; 202-332-3300

After Ashley: Playwright Gina Gionfriddo's new tragicomedy about a grieving teenager in the media spotlight, through Oct. 9, $30-$48. Woolly Mammoth Theatre, 7th & D dtreets NW; 202-393-3939.

THIS WEEKEND ONLY Dracula: Synetic Theatre brings its dance-drama touch to the deathless story, Thu.-Sun., 7:30 p.m., $30. Kennedy Center, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600.

Flyin' West: Four black women seek to own land after the Civil War, Sept. 11-25, $33-$43. Lincoln Theatre, 1215 U St. NW; 202-397-7328.

Gross Indecency: Theater Alliance production of the popular Moises Kaufman play about Oscar Wilde's infamous criminal trials, through Sept. 18, $26. H Street Playhouse, 1365 H St. NE; 202-396-2125.

It Had to Be You: A semi-autobiographical romantic comedy, through Oct. 8, $23-$29.50. Gunston Arts Center, 2700 S. Lang St., Arlington; 703-553-8782.

Metamorphosis: An adaptation of Kafka's classic tale, through Oct. 15, $25-$30. Capitol Hill Arts Workshop, 545 7th St. SE; 202-547-6839.

The Miracle Worker: The classic William Gibson play about Helen Keller, through Sept. 11, $39. Olney Theatre Center, 2001 Olney Sandy Spring Road, Olney, Md.; 301-924-4485.

Othello: Shakespeare's tragic tale, through Oct. 30, $14.25-$71.25. Shakespeare Theatre Company, 450 7th St. NW; 202-547-1122.

Passion Play, a Cycle: A trip-partate dark comedy from acclaimed writer Sarah Ruhl, through Oct. 16, $42-$47. Arena Stage, 1101 6th St. SW; 202-488-3300.

The Disputation: Theodore Bikel stars in the drama about Jews on the defense in medieval Spain, through Oct. 2.$28-$39. Theater J, 1529 16th St. NW; 800-494-8497.

The Sandstorm: Sean Huze's powerful play about his experiences as a Marine in Iraq, through Sept. 25, $25. Metro Stage, 1201 N. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-548-9044.

Top Girls: Five successful women spanning a 1200 years share dinner, through Oct. 1, $10-$20. Theatre on the Run, 3700 S. Four Mile Run, Arlington; 703-920-5923.

The Trial: Scena Theatre opens its new season with the Washington premiere of Kafka's surreal story, Sept. 10-Oct. 16, $$25-$30, $20-$25 for students and seniors. Warehouse Theatre, 1021 7th St. NW; 703-684-7990.

Urinetown: Rregional production of the satirical Broadway hit, through Oct. 16, $31-$55. Signature Theatre, 3806 S. Four Mile Run Drive, Arlington; 703-820-9771.

Nightlife agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

There are many chances for you to help raise money for those affected by Hurricane Katrina. We encourage you to check our master list at washingtonpost.com/entertainment and try to make it out for an event or two.

THURSDAY

Representatives from the Red Cross will be on hand at **VIDA**'s happy hour beginning at 6 p.m. They're asking for a $20 donation, good for $2 domestic beers and $3 imports until 7 p.m., and then $3 domestics, $4 imports and $4 Stoli drinks for the rest of the night. The bar staff is also donating 15 percent of its tips.

Over at the cool **EYEBAR** lounge, there's a $5 cover to check out veteran house DJs Ray Kang and Suneel. All money is going to the Red Cross. As an aside, Eyebar's set to expand in the next week or so when the new upstairs level opens.

It's been two years since "The Listening," the album that solidified the Cinderella story of North Carolina hip-hop group Little Brother. Beginning as dorm pals at North Carolina Central University, the duo corralled fans one download at a time on Internet message boards before moving on to tour with the Roots. Now the crew is on Atlantic Records and preparing to drop their sophomore release "The Minstrel Show." You can get an advance listen at **MIRRORS** tonight during Guerilla Lounge, a new party hosted by internationally known and Washington-based super-emcee Asheru. After a sneak preview of the Little Brother record, local hip-hoppers the Cornel West Theory, Dirty Water, Flex Matthews and DJ P-Nyce take the stage.

FRIDAY

Late breaking news: Local DJ duo Deep Dish is performing at at **MCCXXIII** to raise money for the American Red Cross. There's a $20 cover, and doors open at 9 p.m. If you're not familiar with the work of Sharam Tayebi and Ali Shirazinia, this is the perfect chance to check out their funky house grooves.

Venezuelan super salsero y sonero Oscar D'Leon kicks off Hispanic Heritage Month at **H2O** with a live performance. Local salsa DJs regularly light up dance floors with D'Leon's tunes, so catching his full band should be a treat — not to mention seeing some amazing salsa dancers.

DEAN BELCHER

DIG IN: The Deep Dish duo of Sharam Tayebi and Ali Shirazinia regularly land in the Top 10 of "greatest-DJ" polls; more importantly, they keep people dancing.

A coalition of Washington's best nu-soul artists are adding their talents to the wave of Gulf Coast aid by coming together for a super show **CADA VEZ**. The R&B/Soul Benefit Concert features Yamama'nym, K'Alyn, Ayana Gregory, Deborah Bond and W. Ellington Felton.

Bethesda's newest British pub opens tonight with drink specials and live music. **UNION JACK**'s is a themed pub that takes the place of the Shark Club on St. Elmo.

Tonight, Things to Do is hosting a Fall Kickoff Bash and membership drive at **LULU'S**. It's traditionally a packed party, with a lively crowd dancing to DJs spinning hip-hop and retro tunes. Tickets are $10 in advance from thingstododc.com; doors open at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

Jon Langford — performing a one-off show at **IOTA** tonight featuring spoken word and visuals in addition to music — has made more great music than could fit on an iPod mini. His country-punk group the Waco Brothers do raucous Americana better than any band fronted by a Welshman has the right to. But the Wacos have been making records for only half as long as the Mekons, also fronted by Langford. Needless to say this should be a pretty thrilling evening.

MONDAY

Shtick and rock can be a dangerous combination — heard from the Hives lately? Baltimore quartet Karmella's Game walks that fine line, but so far it hasn't fallen over Yes, band members take the stage in Catholic school-ish uniform and singer Katie Ostrosky goes by KTO. But mostly, this is pretty infectious stuff. Expect a sweaty, fun time on the **BLACK CAT**'s backstage.

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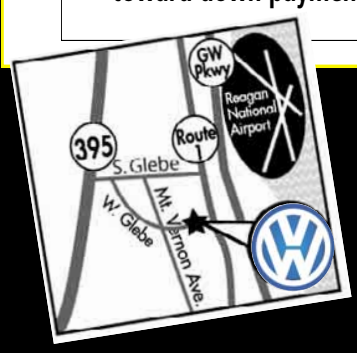

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